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9 January 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

A.I.

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. In compliance with Flight Service Regulation 200-4, dated 2 November 1948, Subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects," the following report is submitted.

2. On the night of 6 January 1950, two objects were sighted over Kansas City, Kansas, and Olathe, Kansas. They appeared to be motionless over Olathe for ten to fifteen minutes, then moved off very fast.

3. The weather at Kansas City was clear with twelve miles visibility.

4. The incident was witnessed by James F. Grey, 6200 Hadley St., Raytown, Missouri, phone FL 2744; and Robert Van De Vyvere, 5532, Raytown Road, Missouri. Both are employed at Bendix Aviation, Kansas City, Kansas, and the former is a pilot.

5. Photos are not available. Sketches are enroute to Lowry Flight Service and will be forwarded immediately upon receipt.

6. Two objects were sighted, both spherical in shape. They appeared to be the size of old fashioned street lights about two blocks distant. They were a brilliant white, emanating orange and red flashes.

7. They moved from over Kansas City toward Olathe, Kansas, remained motionless from ten to fifteen minutes, then moved off very fast in a southwesterly direction. The estimated altitude was between seven and eight thousand feet. No sound was emitted, nor exhaust trail apparent.

8. This report was given to Fairfax AFB Operations, Kansas City, Kansas, and transmitted to Lowry Flight Service.

Robert M. McLeod
ROBERT M. MCLEOD
Lt Col, USAF
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MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

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MDT 000.92 22 September 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. In compliance with FSR 200-4 dated 2 November 1949, and letter, Headquarters USAF, Subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'", dated 6 February 1948, the following information is submitted.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

1. Date of Sighting: 20 September 1949

2. Time of Sighting: 0906E

3. Where Sighted: Thirty North East, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York

a. Ground

Not applicable

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight:

C-45 160 10,000 250 degrees

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark:

Thirty North East, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York

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(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft:

Four o'clock, approximately thirty miles to the right and to the rear

(4) Latitude and longitude: 43°40"N 74°55"W

c. Sea

Not applicable

4. Number of objects: One

a. Formation type: Not applicable

5. Distance of object from observer: Thirty miles

a. Laterally or horizontally: Horizontally

b. Angle of elevation from horizon: Level plane

c. Altitude: 20,000 feet letting down slowly until it disappeared into the overcast at 7,000 feet

6. Time in sight: Not stated

7. Appearance of object:

a. Color: Silvery or aluminum

b. Shape: Cylindrical

c. Apparent construction: No opinion

d. Size: Undetermined due to distance and speed

8. Direction of flight: 250 degrees

9. Tactics or maneuvers: Slow descent into overcast

10. Evidence of exhaust: Yes (flame)

a. Color of smoke: Orange and white flame

b. Length and width: More than twice the length of the object

c. Odor: Unknown

d. Rate of evaporation: Unknown

e. Does trail vary with sound: Unknown

11. Effect on clouds: Unknown

12. Lights: None

13. Support: None

14. Propulsion: Appeared to be rocket or jet

a. Propeller or jet: Appeared to be rocket or jet

b. Rotor: None

c. Aerodynamic vanes: None observed

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings: None observed

15. Control and stability: None observed

a. Fins: None observed

b. Stabilizers: None observed

(1) Size: Not applicable

(2) Shape: Not applicable

(3) Location: Not applicable

16. Air Ducts: Not observed

a. Slots: Not applicable

b. Duct openings: Not applicable

17. Speed - MPH: High rate of speed

18. Sound: None heard

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed: None noted

20. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared into overcast

a. Explode: Not applicable

(1) Possibility of fragments: Not applicable

(2) Other physical evidence: Not applicable

b. Faded from view: Not applicable

c. Disappeared behind obstacle: Not applicable

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

1. Name of observer: Lt Colonel Phillip J. Kuhl, 3716A

2. Air Materiel Command, AF Procurement Field Office, Bedford, Mass.

3. Occupation: USAF

4. Place of business: AF Procurement Field Office, Bedford, Mass.

5. Hobbies: Not applicable

6. Ability to determine: Unknown

7. Reliability of observer: No opinion

8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general:

The aircraft, AF 7110, was proceeding from Bedford, Mass. to Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York. The flame appeared more than twice the length of the object. The object finally disappeared into the overcast, reported at 7000 feet at the time. The approximate coordinates of the sighted object was 43°40"N 74°55"W. The approximate distance of the object from the observer was thirty miles.

b. How attention was drawn to objects: Normal pilot surveillance

9. Witnesses:

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Major Earl Goodrich, Air Materiel Command, AF Procurement Field Office, Bedford, Mass. Co-pilot

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated: No opinion

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS

1. Re radars now operating on ground: No radar sightings

2. If airborne, when object was sighted: Not applicable

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequence of local weather conditions:

Estimated 4500 feet overcast, 500 broken, 8 miles visibility

2. Winds aloft report: 250 degrees - 40 knots

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying invvicinity at the time: Unknown

4. Possibility releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations, or any other: Unknown

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparisons of soils: Unknown

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects, check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radio-activity. Make comparisons with out unaffected aircraft objects: Unknown

7. Obtain photographs: None obtained

8. Not obtained.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: None

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JOSEPH L. McNEIL
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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

TCM 452 23 August 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. In compliance with FS Regulation 200-4 the following reports of sighting of unidentified flying objects are submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: Over the city of Seattle, Washington, 1845P, 22 August 1949.

b. Weather at the time: Clear, visibility unrestricted.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

(1) Sgt Jack Faulkner, Controller, 143rd National Guard Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 6736 Ellis Avenue, Seattle 8, Washington.

(2) T/Sgt T. D. Mullen, Controller, 143rd National Guard Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 6736 Ellis Avenue, Seattle 8, Washington.

(3) Sgt Roger H. Studeman, Controller, 143rd National Guard Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 6736 Ellis Avenue, Seattle 8, Washington.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: Photographs of objects are not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of object's configuration are not available.

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f. Object sighted:

(1) Number: One.

(2) Shape: Circular.

(3) Size: Estimated seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) feet in diameter with an estimated depth of ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet.

(4) Color: Shiny aluminum. Object reflected the sun's rays.

(5) Speed: Estimated five (5) to six (6) hundred miles per hour.

(6) Heading: From north to south.

(7) Maneuverability: Object did not maneuver.

(8) Altitude: Estimated ten (10) thousand feet.

(9) Sound: The sound was similar to a jet aircraft.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: No exhaust trail was noted.

g. Sgt Studeman first saw the object from his home in the north end of Seattle. He called Sgt Faulkner who was on duty at the 143rd National Guard Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron and reported the object. Sgt Faulkner reported that after receiving the call from Sgt Studeman he stepped outside of the office and he saw apparently the same object reported by Sgt Studeman. T/Sgt Mullen also saw the same object. Sgt Mullen was at his home in the south end of Seattle at the time he saw the object and he reported the information to the CAA Control Tower at Boeing Field, Seattle, Washington, who relayed the information to the McChord Flight Service Center. Both Sgt Faulkner and Sgt Studeman saw other aircraft in the air at the same time the circular object was

sighted and reported that it bore no resemblance to any aircraft they had ever seen before.

2. a. Location and time of sighting: Approximately thirty (30) miles west northwest of Seattle-Tacoma Airport, 1920P, 22 August 1949.

b. Weather at the time: Clear, visibility unrestricted.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

(1) Ben Frieman, ARTC Controller, Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center, P. O. Box 3224, Seattle 14, Washington.

(2) Howard Watson, Senior ARTC Controller, Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center, P. O. Box 3224, Seattle 14, Washington.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: Photographs of objects are not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of object's configuration are not available.

f. Object sighted:

(1) Number: One.

(2) Shape: Similar to an F-84.

(3) Size: Similar to an F-84.

(4) Color: Similar to an F-84.

(5) Speed: Similar to an F-84.

(6) Heading: Object was heading from south to north.

(7) Maneuverability: Object did not maneuver.

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(8) Altitude: Object was estimated four (4) to five (5) thousand feet.

(9) Sound: No sound was heard.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: No exhaust trail was noted.

g. Mr. Frieman, an Air Route Traffic Controller, was on duty at the Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport and noticed what appeared to be a jet aircraft in the direction of the Olympic Mountains at an estimated distance of twenty (20) to thirty (30) miles away. He brought this to the attention of Mr. Watson who was the senior controller on duty. Since they were aware that no jet units were stationed within this area they notified the McChord Flight Service Center. The dispatcher on duty at the McChord Flight Service Center did not have a flight plan on any jet aircraft or fighter type aircraft in this area and made a check of all the military bases within the area to determine if any jet or fighter type aircraft were flying locally from their bases. A negative report was received. Mr. Frieman and Mr. Watson both reported that they were definite that the object sighted displayed visual characteristics of a jet fighter and that its speed was such to lead them to believe it was a jet aircraft.

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16 August 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. An unidentified flying object was sighted over Greenville, S. C., at 1930E, 15 August 1949.

2. The 1930E weather for Greenville AF Base was 4000 scattered, 15 miles visibility. Greenville, S. C. Municipal Airport weather at 1930E was 25000 broken, 9000 scattered, 30 miles visibility, with distant thunderstorms in all quadrants.

3. Two witnesses reported the unidentified flying objects. One of the witnesses was not identified and the other was Mr. Harper of Lensing Avenue, Greenville, S. C., who is employed at the Greenville Municipal Airport.

4. No photographs or sketches are available.

5. The unidentified object was described by the witnesses as round, fairly large, grey, moving in a northeasterly direction at an undetermined speed. No sound was heard nor was any exhaust trail visible, its altitude was estimated to be 5000 feet or less. The maneuverability is not known, but it appeared to be moving at a constant speed and altitude.

6. All reports were received via Plan 62 interphone by Maxwell Flight Service Center from Atlanta Air Route Traffic Control Center. The Atlanta ARTC received them from the Greenville Municipal Airport Control Tower.

7. The operations section of the 316th Troop Carrier Wing investigated this incident further and determined that the unidentified object was a Geological Weather Service balloon believed to have been released in Tennessee.

GEORGE G. NEFFINGER
Major, USAF
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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

TCM 452 28 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. The following report of sighting unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: Over the city of Spokane, Washington, at 2020 PST, 26 July 1949.

b. Weather at the time: The 2030 PST weather report for Spokane, Geiger Field, estimated ceiling fourteen (14) thousand feet, broken, lower broken, visibility forty (40) miles, upper broken clouds estimated at twenty-two (22) thousand feet.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses: Bill Miller, civilian commercial pilot, S 411 Carahan, Spokane, Washington, Phone Number Lakeview 7933.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: Photographs of objects were not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of object's configuration were not available.

f. Objects sighted:

(1) Number: eight.

(2) Shape: Dish shaped.

(3) Size: Larger than a B-29.

(4) Color: Not reported.

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(5) Speed: Much faster than a B-29.

(6) Heading: From east to west.

(7) Maneuverability: Not reported.

(8) Altitude: Estimated fourteen (14) thousand five (5) hundred feet.

(9) Sound: Similar to a formation of jet aircraft.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: Not reported.

g. General remarks: Mr. Miller reported he was in his home and was attracted by a sound similar to a formation of jet aircraft. He went outside his home and the only aircraft in sight was a B-29 heading from east to west. At an estimated one (1) thousand feet above the B-29 Mr. Miller reported he saw a formation of eight (8) dish shaped objects, each larger than a B-29, traveling in the same direction as the B-29 and at a much greater speed. The pilot of the B-29, AF-7742, stated he was at thirteen (13) thousand five (5) hundred feet at the time and had not sighted anything unusual. Mr. Miller stated that he had not been drinking and had good vision.

h. Mr. Miller gave this report to Spokane Radio who forwarded it to Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center who in turn forwarded the report to the McChord Flight Service Center.

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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
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TCM 452 10 August 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. The following report of sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: East and southeast of Medford, Oregon, 1120P to 1230P, 8 August 1949.

b. Weather at the time: Sky clear, visibility thirty (30) miles.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

(1) Corporal E. H. Conger, AACS Air/Ground operator of Medford Airways, address AACS Detachment 1905-1, Medford, Oregon.

(2) Staff Sergeant Arthur Paulson, AACS Air/Ground operator of Medford Airways, address AACS Detachment 1905-1, Medford, Oregon.

(3) Corporal Frank Bishop, AACS Air/Ground operator of Medford Airways, address AACS Detachment 1905-1, Medford, Oregon.

(4) G. E. Milligan, CAA Tower operator, Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 832, Medford, Oregon.

(5) Jack Edmonds, CAA Tower operator, Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 832, Medford, Oregon.

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(6) G. W. White, Communicator CAA Range Station, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 286, Medford, Oregon.

(7) Earl Wescott, Communicator CAA Range Station, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 286, Medford, Oregon.

d. Photographs of objects if available: Photographs of objects are not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of object's configuration are not available.

f. Objects sighted:

(1) Number: Varying from one (1) to seven (7).

(2) Shape: Undetermined.

(3) Size: Undetermined.

(4) Color: Shiny.

(5) Speed: Varying from slow to very fast.

(6) Heading: Objects did not hold any specific heading and were last seen heading west.

(7) Maneuverability: Objects maneuvered horizontally but not vertically.

(8) Altitude: Very high.

(9) Sound: None.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: None.

g. General remarks: Personnel from Medford Airways first sighted the objects and notified Medford Tower and Medford Radio. Personnel from Medford Radio used the theodalite to get a better look at the objects. Personnel from Medford Tower used binoculars and were able to distinguish wings on

the objects but no further identification could be detected. The objects would fly formation for a while and then break off and reform in a trail formation. They would disappear for short periods and then reappear in the same general area. Objects were visible to the unaided eye only when they reflected the sun's rays.

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4 August 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

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TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

The following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted in compliance with Flight Service Regulation 200-4. At 1955E, 1 August 1949, the Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center received the following information from Lockbourne Tower, Columbus, Ohio:

At 1955E, Columbus Tower, Columbus, Ohio, reported to Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio, the following information:

"a. LOCATION: Over Columbus, Ohio for two (2) hours - 1900E to 2100E.

b. WEATHER: 1930E Columbus Weather: 5,000 scattered clouds 12 miles visibility.

c. NAME: Mr. Robert J. Andees, CAA Controller, % Columbus Tower, phone Douglas 1322. Mr. Robert L. Markwith, CAA Controller, 177 N. James Road, phone Douglas 5692. Mr. E. J. Lutz, CAA Controller, 457 Marion Road, phone Garfield 6726.

d. PHOTOGRAPHS: None.

e. SKETCHES: None.

f. OBJECT SIGHTED:

(1) NUMBER: One.

(2) SHAPE: No shape.

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(3) SIZE: Impossible to identify size.

(4) COLOR: White and then yellowish red when on the horizon.

(5) SPEED: No estimate in MPH.

(6) HEADING: Northwest 320°.

(7) MANEUVERABILITY: Only observed in straight line.

(8) ALTITUDE: 30,000 feet or higher.

(9) SOUND: None.

(10) EXHAUST OR NOT: Exhaust trail before a white light.

Charles E. Grogan
CHARLES E. GROGAN
Lt Colonel, USAF
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1 - Commander MATS, Chief Intelligence Divn
1 - Commanding Officer Flight Service, ATTN: A-2

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TCM 452 1 August 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. The following report of sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: In the vicinity of Portland, Oregon, Troutdale, Oregon, and Mount Hood, Oregon, from 2100P to 2130P, 30 July 1949.

b. Weather at the time: Sky clear, visibility unlimited.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

(1) Captain Thrush, pilot Northwest Airlines, address Northwest Airlines Dispatch Office, Portland, Oregon.

(2) Robert Henery, CAA Tower Operator, Portland Airport, Box 1807, Portland, Oregon.

(3) H. W. Penhallegan, Civilian Instructor Pilot, Western Skyways, Troutdale, Oregon, 4422 SE Brookland, Portland 6, Oregon.

(4) B. J. Brasford, CAA Tower Operator, Portland Airport, Box 1807, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Brasford has the names and addresses of four other witnesses of this sighting.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: Photographs of objects are not available.

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Captain Thrush, the pilot of a Northwest Airline Martin 202, reported that while approaching Portland from the east he noticed what appeared to be an aircraft displaying two red lights and one white light. Since this was nonstandard lighting Captain Thrush watched the object very closely. His sighting of this object was at 2110P at an altitude of six (6) thousand feet and he was approximately five (5) miles west of Stevenson, Washington. He reported that the object was behind him and slightly to the left and maintained that same position until Troutdale. When over Troutdale Captain Thrush heard Portland Tower giving instructions to other aircraft to hold over the airport because of an unidentified flying object dropping flares. Upon hearing this information Captain Thrush turned one hundred and eighty (180) degrees and attempted to intercept the flying object displaying the two red lights and one white light that had been following him. He reported that this object then turned to the southeast and appeared to pull away from him quite easily. Captain Thrush reported that his indicated airspeed was two hundred and ten (210) miles per hour while he was trying to intercept the object.

Mr. Penhallegan reported that he saw the object while in the traffic pattern in Troutdale, Oregon. He was flying at an altitude of one (1) thousand three (3) hundred feet indicated and reported that the object appeared to be five (5) hundred to eight (8) hundred feet above him and at an estimated distance of twenty (20) miles to the east.

The only Air Force aircraft in the vicinity at the time was a B-29, AF 7758, who was over Portland at 2130P at an altitude of seven (7) thousand five (5) hundred feet, northbound. The pilot was questioned and stated that he did not drop any flares and did not circle over Portland and did not see anything unusual.

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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

TCM 452 25 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. In accordance with FS Regulation 200-4, subject: Unidentified Flying Objects, dated 2 November 1948, the following report of information received concerning the sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: Ten (10) miles northwest of Mountain Home, Idaho, at 1205 MST, 24 July 1949.

b. Weather at the time: As reported by Mountain Home Air Force Base for 1130 PST was scattered clouds at five (5) thousand feet, visibility thirty (30) miles.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses: The only individual who reported this sighting was Harry Clark, occupation Airport Manager of Ritchie Field, Nampa, Idaho, address Nampa, Idaho.

d. Photographs of objects if available: Photographs of objects were not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: The objects were delta wings with no protrusions. The angle of the apex as reported by Mr. Clark was between thirty (30) and forty-five (45) degrees with the base of the triangle being a slightly curved convex.

f. Objects sighted:

(1) Number: Seven (7) objects were sighted flying in a V formation.

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(2) Shape: In addition to the description in paragraph 1e Mr. Clark noted a dark circular structure where the pilot normally sits. The leading edge of this dark circular structure was approximately one-fourth (1/4) the distance from the apex of the delta wing to the rear. This dark circular structure was noted at the time Mr. Clark was below the objects.

(3) Size: Larger than an F-51.

(4) Color: Darker than normal aluminum skin and not shiny. Mr. Clark reported the surface seemed to be between a light gray and a dirty white with no markings or diffusion of color.

(5) Speed: Faster than an F-51 and estimated by Mr. Clark to be at least six (6) hundred miles per hour.

(6) Heading: Mr. Clark reported that when first sighted the formation was heading approximately three (3) hundred degrees. The formation passed by him and then made a one hundred and eighty (180) degree turn to approximately one hundred and twenty (120) degrees.

(7) Maneuverability: Mr. Clark reported that no maneuvers were noted other than the one hundred and eighty (180) degree turn. The objects did not appear to bank during the turn. When the objects were first sighted and before the one hundred and eighty (180) degree turn was made, the outer wing surfaces appeared to move slightly.

(8) Altitude: Mr. Clark reported the formation between eight (8) thousand five (5) hundred and ten (10) thousand feet. When the formation was first sighted Mr. Clark was cruising at ten (10) thousand feet and

objects were slightly below and one-fourth (1/4) of a mile to the left of his position. When the formation made the one hundred and eighty (180) degree turn Mr. Clark descended to eight (8) thousand five (5) hundred feet and was below the formation when they came back.

(9) Sound: No sound was noted from the formation.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: No exhaust trail was visible.

g. General remarks: Mr. Clark was enroute from Burley, Idaho, to Nampa, Idaho, in a Cub Cruiser when the objects were sighted. When the formation was first sighted they were going in approximately the same direction as Mr. Clark and were approximately one-fourth (1/4) of a mile to his left and below. Mr. Clark was cruising at ten (10) thousand feet at this time. He observed the formation until it made the one hundred and eighty (180) degree turn at which time Mr. Clark descended in his aircraft and made a ninety (90) degree turn to the left in an effort to intercept the formation. He was able to get below the level of the formation at eight (8) thousand five (5) hundred feet at which time he noticed the dark circular bulge on the bottom side of the objects. Because of their speed the flying objects soon became lost from the sight of Mr. Clark who proceeded on to his destination. Mr. Clark is known personally by Captain John S. Batie of this organization who states that in his opinion Mr. Clark is a reliable witness.

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Lt. Col., USAF
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DAYTON, OHIO

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20 July 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

The following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted in compliance with Flight Service Regulation 200-4. At 2202E, 19 July 1949 the Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center received the following information from Cincinnati Air Route Traffic Control Center:

At 2140E, Mr Neinkirchen of 2419 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, phone Jefferson 2956, telephoned Columbus Ohio Municipal Airport Control Tower to report the following information with respect to unidentified flying object.

"a. LOCATION: Over Columbus, Ohio at 2135E.

b. WEATHER: Clear sky - visibility 15 miles.

c. NAME: Mr Neinkirchen, 2419 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, phone Jefferson 2956, photographer by trade - has worked with jet aircraft and engines.

d. PHOTOGRAPHS: None.

e. SKETCHES: None

f. OBJECT SIGHTED:

(1) NUMBER: One.

(2) SHAPE: Flying wing type, swept back wings, tail but no noticeable nose - similar to present day jet aircraft.

(3) SIZE: Seemed too small for one man aircraft.

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(4) COLOR: Luminous.

(5) SPEED: No estimate in MPH but was traveling very fast.

(6) HEADING: Due East.

(7) MANEUVERABILITY: Only observed in straight line.

(8) ALTITUDE: 3000 to 4000 feet.

(9) SOUND: Humming noise instead of rushing noise.

(10) EXHAUST OR NOT: No exhaust."

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SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

The following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted in compliance with Flight Service Regulation 200-4.

a. LOCATION AND TIME OF SIGHTING: 1750E - 1755E, 28 June 1949, Fairfield, Ohio.

b. WEATHER AT THE TIME: 3,000 thin scattered, 10 miles visibility, temperature 92, dew point 62, wind north-northwest 4, altimeter 29.94.

c. NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES:

(1) Major R. L. Long, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.
(2) Unidentified Civilian, resident of Fairfield, Ohio.

d. PHOTOGRAPHS OF OBJECTS, IF AVAILABLE: None available.

e. SKETCHES OF OBJECT'S CONFIGURATION: None.

f. OBJECT SIGHTED:

(1) NUMBER: 1.

(2) SHAPE: Long tail of flame accompanied by a long tail of smoke.

(3) SIZE: Undetermined.

(4) COLOR: Flame and smoke.

(5) SPEED: High rate.

(6) HEADING: West to East

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(7) MANEUVERABILITY: Undetermined.

(8) ALTITUDE: Undetermined - very high.

(9) SOUND: Undetermined.

(10) EXHAUST TRAIL OR NOT: Yes.

g. GENERAL REMARKS: None.

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MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

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MDT 000.92 10 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. In compliance with FS Regulation 200-4 dated 2 November 1948 and letter, Headquarters USAF, Subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs,'" dated 6 February 1948, the following information is submitted.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

1. Date of Sighting: 10 June 1949.

2. Time of Sighting: 0845E.

3. Where Sighted: See Par 3 b (2)

a. Ground

Not applicable.

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight.

T-6 150 4000 ft 330 degrees

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark.

20 miles southwest of Boston, Mass.

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(3) Clock Position of object from observer's aircraft:

1200 hrs, approximately 6 miles in front and over aircraft.

(4) Latitude and longitude: 42°N 71° 30° W

c. Sea

Not applicable.

4. Number of objects: One (1)

a. Formation type: No formation.

5. Distance of object from observer: Six (6) miles

a. Laterally or horizontally: Perpendicular

b. Angle of elevation from horizon: 45 degrees.

c. Altitude: 30,000 feet.

6. Time in sight: Not stated.

7. Appearance of object:

a. Color: White

b. Shape: Tubular

c. Apparent construction: No opinion

d. Size: 100 feet long

8. Direction of flight: 330 degrees - 340 degrees.

9. Tactics or maneuvers: None

10. Evidence of exhaust: None

a. Color of smoke: None

b. Length and width: None

c. Odor: Unknown

d. Rate of evaporation: Unknown

e. Does trail vary with sound: None

11. Effect on clouds: None

12. Lights: None

13. Support: None

14. Propulsion: Not observed.

a. Propeller or jet: Unknown

b. Roter: Unknown.

c. Aerodynamic vanes: Unknown

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings: Unknown

15. Control and stability: Not observed.

a. Fins: Unknown

b. Stabilizers: Unknown

(1) Size: Unknown

(2) Shape: Unknown

(3) Location: Unknown

16. Air Ducts: Not observed.

a. Slots: Unknown

b. Duct openings: Unknown

17. Speed - MPH: 150 MPH

18. Sound: Unknown

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed: Not observed.

20. Manner of disappearance: Not stated.

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments: Unknown

(2) Other physical evidence: Unknown

b. Faded from view: Yes

c. Disappeared behind obstacle: No

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

1. Name of Observer: 1st Lt Kirshbaum.

2. Fort Devens, Massachusetts

3. Occupation: USAF

4. Place of Business: USAF

5. Hobbies: Not applicable

6. Ability to determine: Unknown

7. Reliability of observer: No opinion

8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general: None

b. How attention was drawn to objects: Directly in flight path.

(1) Sound: Unknown

(2) Motion: Stationary

(3) Glint of light: Glint of light on canopy.

9. Witnesses:

None

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated: No opinion.

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS

1. Re radars now operating on ground: No radar sightings.

2. If airborne, when object was sighted: Not applicable.

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

25,000' overcast - 1200 scattered

2. Winds aloft report: Not given.

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time: Unknown.

4. Possibility releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: Unknown.

5. If object contacted earch, obtain soil sampled within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils: Unknown.

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects, check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects: Unknown.

7. Obtain photographs: None

8. Not obtained.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: None

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2 MAY 1949

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference Flight Service Regulation 200-4, which directs a complete report will be rendered.

2. A copy of inclosed teletype report from this center contains all information available to the Hamilton Flight Service Center on unidentified flying objects. This report was received from Mr. Marvin L. Small, a radio operator from the CAA Radio Station at Elko, Nevada, on 2 May 1949.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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SUBJECT: Semi-Monthly Intelligence Summary

TO : Commanding General
Military Air Transport Service
Washington 25, D.C.

In accordance with provisions of letter, Headquarters, Air Weather Service, subject as above, file A-2, WEA 350.05, the following report is submitted for the period ending 15 June 1949.

1. ~~a~~. During a test hop of an RB 29, a radar operator from the 514th Reconnaissance Squadron (VLR) Weather, made the following observation~~s: and report:~~ north Guam Air Zone Base, Marianas Islands,

took off "On Monday, the 2nd of May, 1949, ~~we took off in~~ aircraft number 45-21824 for the purpose of test hopping the ship. Take off was made at approximately 1500K. The radar set was turned on at approximately 1515K and was tuned in. Guam and Rota Island were picked up by radar and after about ten (10) minutes of operation some type of interference was noticed on the scope. It came in in the same form as a regular range marker except that the pulses were approximately ten (10) miles apart. They only covered the area covered by Guam plus about five (5) degrees on either side of the island. The scope was on the one hundred (100) mile range.

As the range was reduced the interference grew larger on the scope. ~~On an attached sheet of paper~~ Inclosed there is a sketch of the scope as it appeared with the interference drawn in. ~~I do not~~ believe that what was picked up on this flight was intentional jamming."

COMMENT
The operator who made the above observation is one of the 514th Reconnaissance Squadrons' most experienced radar operators and is very proficient in the operation of radar equipment. He checked the set after landing and could find no malfunctions.

2. ~~b~~. On the 8th of June 1949, at a position of 12° 25'N and 140° 20'E, an RB 29 aircraft from the 514th Reconnaissance Squadron made the following sighting:

At 1109Z while flying a heading of 80 degrees, at 18500 ft on a routine Vulture Baker weather reconnaissance mission, a white billowing substance was sighted at an altitude of 30000 to 35000 ft. The sighting was made by two crew members, 1st Lt. Ernest Swanson, weather observer and M/Sgt Walter Rogers engineer. What appeared to be a traveling contrail was

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moving from east north east to west south west at an estimated speed of 4200 miles per hour, this speed was determined by means of triangulation, the substance was observed at a relative bearing of approximately 45 degrees to the heading of the aircraft at a distance of 30 miles, substance disappeared from view approximately one minute after first sighting at a relative bearing of approximately 160 degrees. The substance was traveling in a straight line and was definitely white, a three quarter moon made visibility excellent. No sketches or photographs are available.

The above information was sent by radio from the 514th to the Continental Weather Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

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1. Radar Scope Diagram

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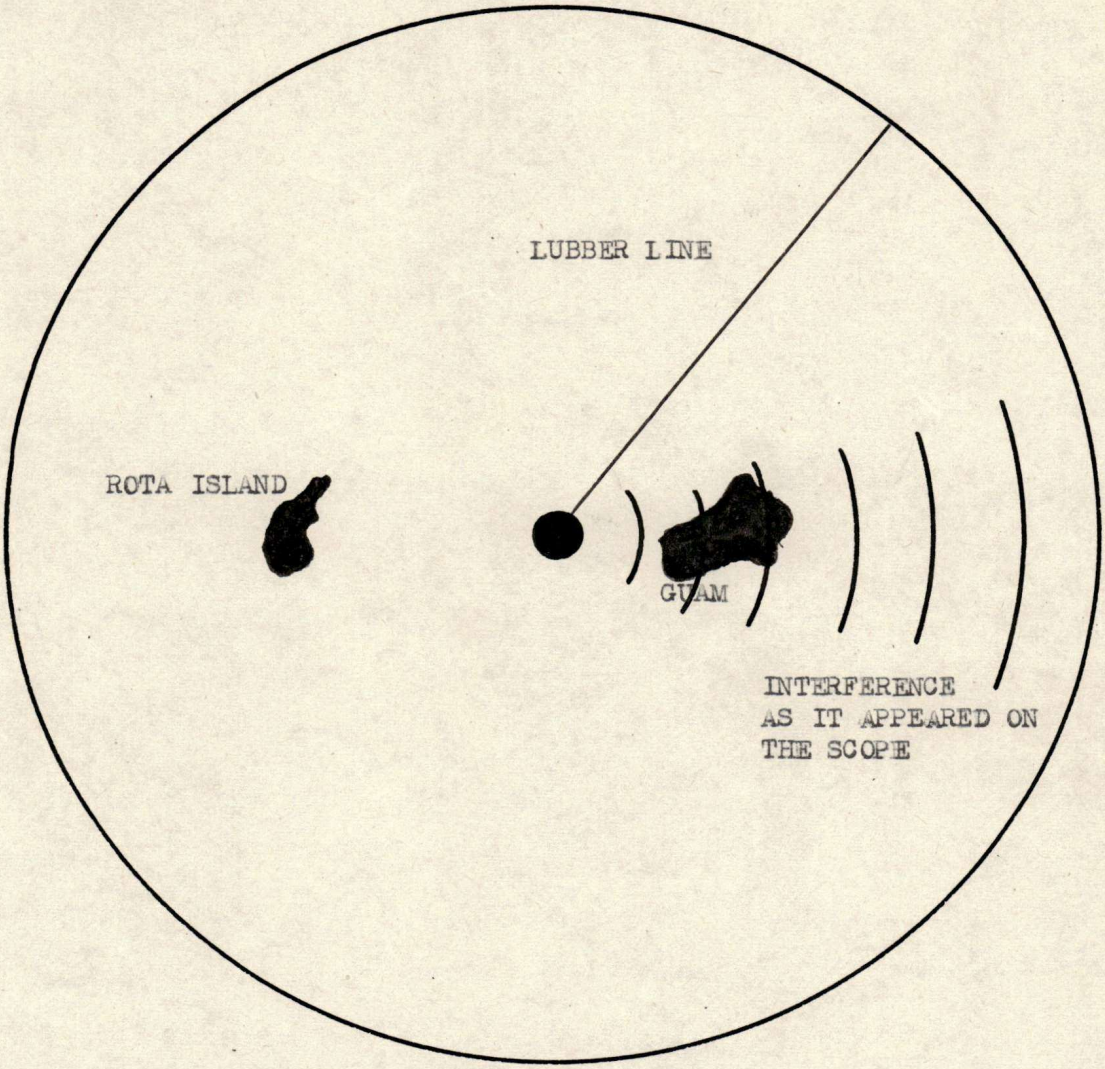

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NOTE: This information is as of 8 April 1949.

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called the Naval Air Base and learned there were no aircraft of any description in the air in the vicinity of the Naval Air Station.

2. Lieutenant Commander D. SHEPARD, USN, Operations Officer, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported that while standing near the NOB Post Office he had observed "a strange object streaking across the sky, near Old Woman Mountain", on 8 April 1949 at approximately 2040 hours. Lieutenant Commander SHEPARD described the object as a reddish ball of fire approximately two (2) feet in diameter traveling from West to East at an estimated 2,500 feet altitude. "The object was a brilliant color, without a tail, traveling with a flat trajectory of decline between 21 and 20 degrees. It seemed to disintegrate over Chiniak Bay" was Lieutenant Commander SHEPARD's report of his observation. No opinion as to the nature of the object was advanced by Lieutenant Commander SHEPARD.

3. Lawrence B. SHAW, taxicab driver, Arrow Cab, Kodiak, Alaska, stated that he was enroute from the Enlisted Mens Club to the Administration Building on 8 April 1949, when he saw a strange bright blue object streak across the sky at approximately 2035 hours. To SHAW, the object appeared to be about 1-1/2 feet in diameter trailed by a three (3) foot streamer which was "pinkish in shading". This object, stated SHAW, appeared in the sky over Old Woman Mountain traveling on a West to East course at an estimated altitude of 2,500 feet. It was losing altitude at an estimated 25 degrees and, if it continued on it's course, it would have struck Chiniak Bay off Nyman Peninsula. To SHAW, the object appeared to disintegrate as bright particles flew from the object as it passed beyond Nyman Peninsula. SHAW was of the firm opinion that the object he saw was not a meteor or shooting star which he has seen on numerous occasions.

4. Paul KREUGER, Bus Driver, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported that he was driving his bus on 8 April 1949, when at 2045 hours, he observed a strange greenish-blue object flash across the sky from the vicinity of Old Woman Mountain to Nyman Peninsula (West to East direction). KREUGER described the object as being 1-1/2 feet in diameter and approximately 10 feet long. He stated the object was approximately 500 feet high as it passed over hangar #3 of the Air Station and it would have landed in Chiniak Bay off Nyman Peninsula but it faded from his view when it passed over the Peninsula. "It had the appearance of a large greenish tracer shell", stated KREUGER.

5. U.S. Navy Weather Central, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported the weather for 8 April 1949 at 2000 hours as follows:

Ceiling:	3,000 feet, scattered clouds, 3/10 coverage.
Visibility:	15 miles.
Wind:	North-Northwest, 15 knots.
Temperature:	27 degrees.

6. No emission of noise by the object was reported by the observers.

COMMENT:

As the above statements are approximately the same in position, altitude, course and time of the luminous manifestation, it's existence has been evaluated as probable. However, as the shape, size and color of the object have been variously described and as unsuccessful efforts have been made to determine the nature of the phenomena with no further information available, no valuation of the nature of the atmospheric disturbance has been made.

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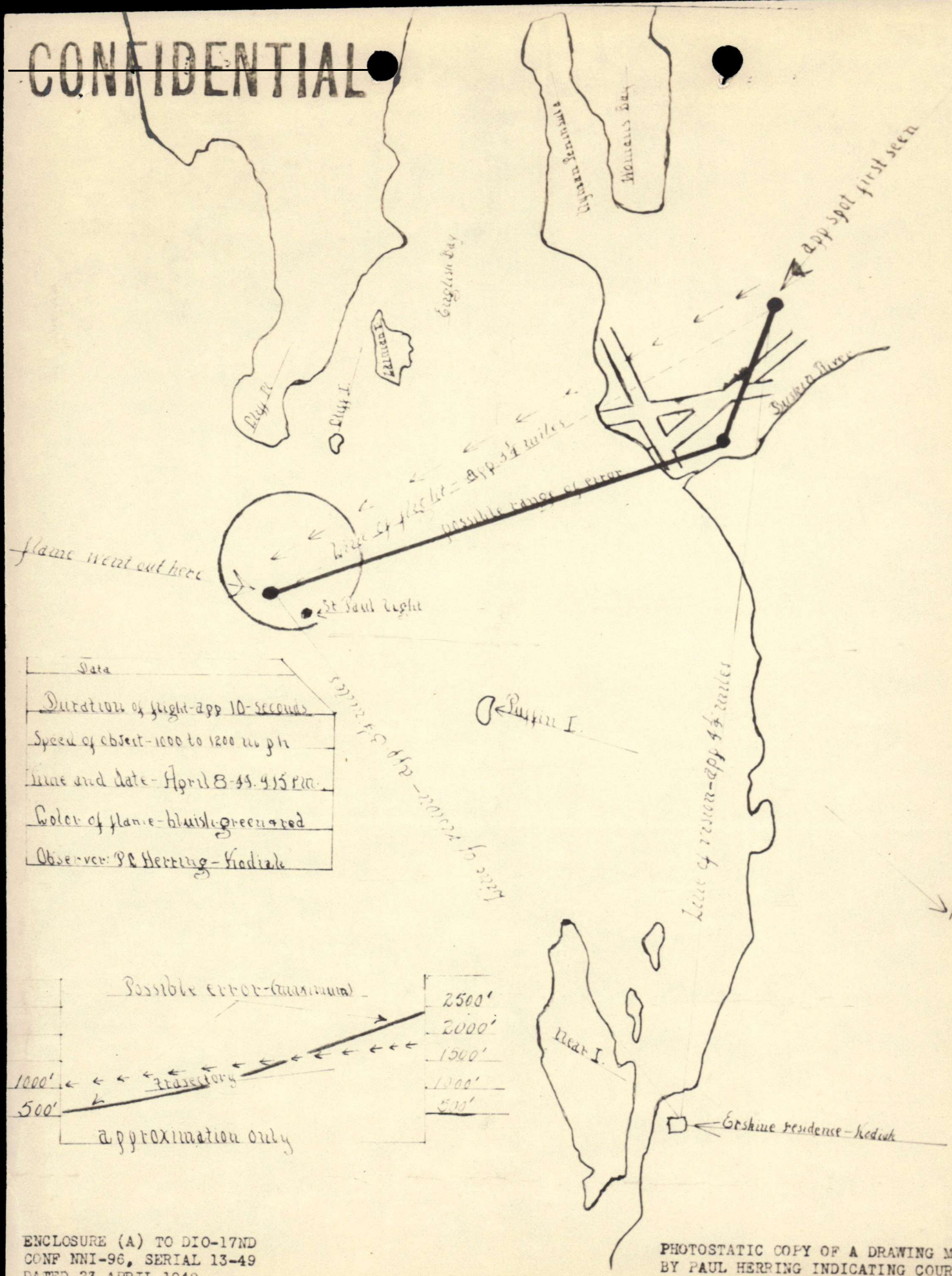

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called the Naval Air Base and learned there were no aircraft of any description in the air in the vicinity of the Naval Air Station.

2. Lieutenant Commander D. SHEPARD, USN, Operations Officer, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported that while standing near the NOB Post Office he had observed "a strange object streaking across the sky, near Old Woman Mountain", on 8 April 1949 at approximately 2040 hours. Lieutenant Commander SHEPARD described the object as a reddish ball of fire approximately two (2) feet in diameter traveling from West to East at an estimated 2,500 feet altitude. "The object was a brilliant color, without a tail, traveling with a flat trajectory of decline between 21 and 20 degrees. It seemed to disintegrate over Chiniak Bay" was Lieutenant Commander SHEPARD's report of his observation. No opinion as to the nature of the object was advanced by Lieutenant Commander SHEPARD.

3. Lawrence B. SHAW, taxicab driver, Arrow Cab, Kodiak, Alaska, stated that he was enroute from the Enlisted Mens Club to the Administration Building on 8 April 1949, when he saw a strange bright blue object streak across the sky at approximately 2035 hours. To SHAW, the object appeared to be about 1-1/2 feet in diameter trailed by a three (3) foot streamer which was "pinkish in shading". This object, stated SHAW, appeared in the sky over Old Woman Mountain traveling on a West to East course at an estimated altitude of 2,500 feet. It was losing altitude at an estimated 25 degrees and, if it continued on it's course, it would have struck Chiniak Bay off Nyman Peninsula. To SHAW, the object appeared to disintegrate as bright particles flew from the object as it passed beyond Nyman Peninsula. SHAW was of the firm opinion that the object he saw was not a meteor or shooting star which he has seen on numerous occasions.

4. Paul KREUGER, Bus Driver, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported that he was driving his bus on 8 April 1949, when at 2045 hours, he observed a strange greenish-blue object flash across the sky from the vicinity of Old Woman Mountain to Nyman Peninsula (West to East direction). KREUGER described the object as being 1-1/2 feet in diameter and approximately 10 feet long. He stated the object was approximately 500 feet high as it passed over hangar #3 of the Air Station and it would have landed in Chiniak Bay off Nyman Peninsula but it faded from his view when it passed over the Peninsula. "It had the appearance of a large greenish tracer shell", stated KREUGER.

5. U.S. Navy Weather Central, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported the weather for 8 April 1949 at 2000 hours as follows:

Ceiling:	3,000 feet, scattered clouds, 3/10 coverage.
Visibility:	15 miles.
Wind:	North-Northwest, 15 knots.
Temperature:	27 degrees.

6. No emission of noise by the object was reported by the observers.

COMMENT:

As the above statements are approximately the same in position, altitude, course and time of the luminous manifestation, it's existence has been evaluated as probable. However, as the shape, size and color of the object have been variously described and as unsuccessful efforts have been made to determine the nature of the phenomena with no further information available, no valuation of the nature of the atmospheric disturbance has been made.

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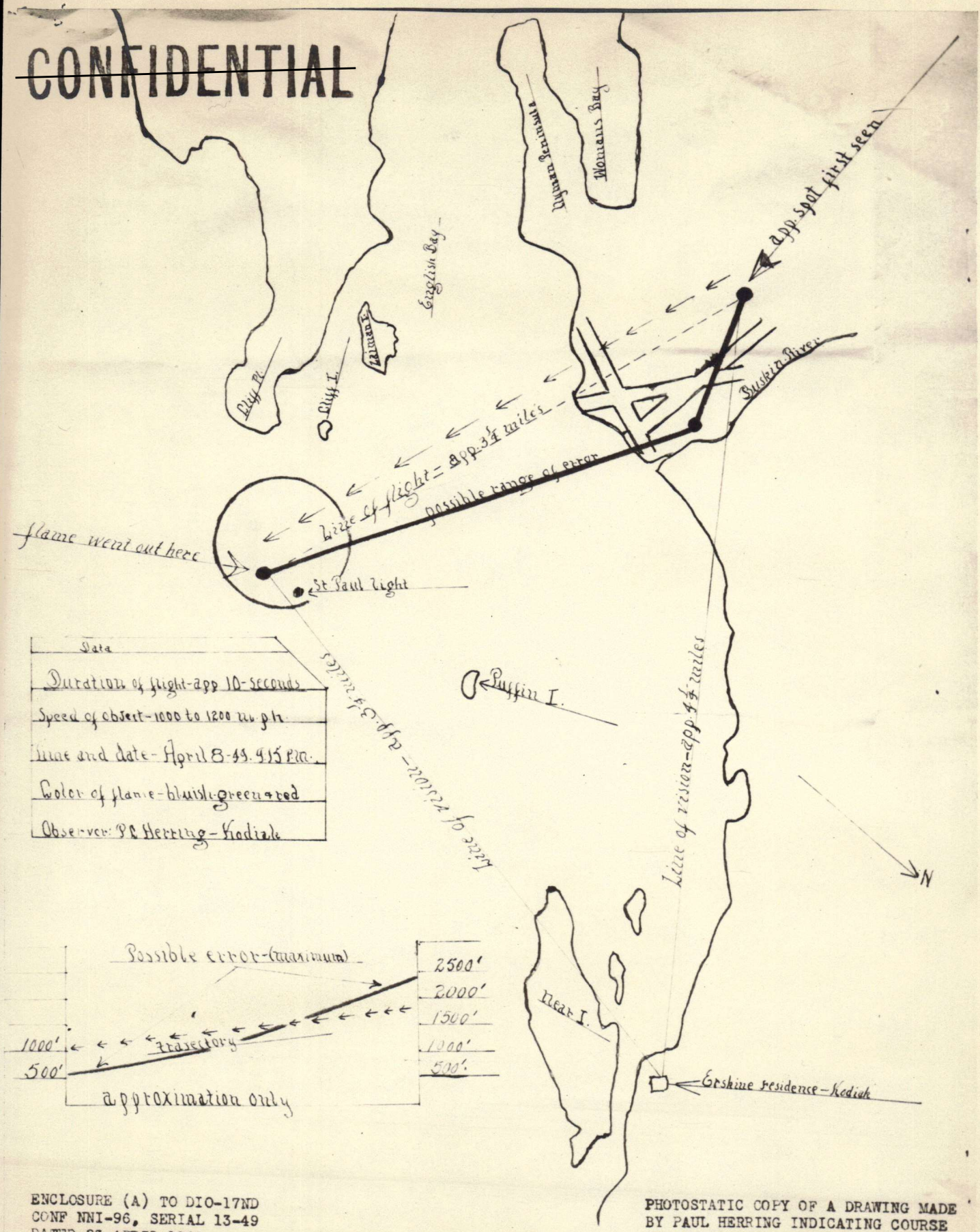

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CARSWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

MDC:lvb

FWH 319.1

14 April 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio

Attention: MCIAXO-3

1. In compliance with FS Regulation 200-4, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects" dated 2 November 1948, in reference to letter, Headquarters, USAF, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs,'", dated 6 February 1948, the following report is submitted.

2. An unidentified flying object was seen over Fort Worth, Texas, on 13 April 1949, at approximately 2105C, by 1st Lt Robert A. Francis, who called it to the attention of Captain Stanley Borowski. Both officers are assigned to the Carswell Flight Service Center, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas.

3. Subject officers had just returned from a local flight and were standing by their aircraft on the flight line. The weather at time object was sighted reported by Carswell Air Force Base was clear and visibility of eight miles. No photographs are available. Object was round and in the shape of a ball, very silver in color. It was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed, estimated to be over 1000 miles per hour, altitude was very hard to judge and cannot be estimated correctly; however, object seemed to be clearly visible. Lieutenant Francis saw the object appear on the horizon in the north northwest direction, it seemed to fly horizontally in the direction of south southeast. It did not appear to burn out, but suddenly disappeared. No sound was heard. The exhaust trail seemed to be approximately three times the size of the object and also was silver in color. The exhaust consisted of silver streaks and star shaped figures. The object definitely did not appear to be a jet or meteor. Its speed was far in excess of any jet speed witnessed by officers. The entire sighting took place in a matter of a few seconds. A check of the Carswell Flight Service flight following racks showed no jet aircraft flying in this area at time object was sighted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

M. D. GENTRY
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

CC: Hq FS, Attn A-2
√CC: C, MATS, Attn: Chief, Intelligence Section
C/S USAF, W25,D.C.,Attn: Director of Intelligence

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TO : HQ MATS
AMC, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO
HQ USAF (ATTN CHIEF INTELLIGNECE DIV CMA MATS)
(ATTN MCIAXO-3) (DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE)

REF NBR: EN694

REF MSG FROM ONE TWO TWO SEVEN AB GP GOOSE BAY CMA LAB DATED TWO ONE ONE NINE THREE ZERO ZEBRA FEB FOUR NINE PD INCIDENT REPORT NOT IN PURVIEW OF USAF AIR INTELL REQUIREMENTS MEMORANDUM NUMBER FOUR DATED ONE FIVE FEN FOUR NINE THEREFORE WRITTEN REPORT MENTIONED IN GOOSE BAY MESSAGE AS FORTH-COMING NOT BEING SUBMITTED

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TO : HQ MATS - ATTN INTELLIGENCE DIV

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SCOPE OF POSSIBILITIES PREVENT PROPER EVALUATION OF GOOSE BAY RADIOS DTG TWO ONE ONE NINE THREE ZERO ZEBRA FEB AND DTG ONE NINE TWO ONE THREE ZERO ZEBRA MAR CMA INFO COPIES OF WHICH WERE ADDRESSED YOUR HQ PD INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS HQ INDICATES REPORTED FLIGHTS DID NOT ORIGINATE OR TERMINATE IN THIS COMD AREA PD REPORTS INDICATE ACTIVITY REPORTED IN GREENLAND LAST SUMMER MAY HAVE BEEN EXTENDED OR SHIFTED TO NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT PD REQUEST YOUR HQ CHECK APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN SOURCES OF FLIGHTS THAT MAY HAVE ENTERED SPECIFIED AREA AT TIMES INDICATED IN REFERENCED MESSAGES CMA EVALUTATE INFORMATION AND ADVISE THIS HQ RESULTS

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TO : HQ AMC

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From: CO Airfield Goose Bay Labrador

To : COMGENAMC Wright Patterson AFB Dayton Ohio

Info: CSUSAF attn Dir of Intell Wash DC; COMMATS attn Chief Intell Div MATS Andrews AFB Md; CO NBC attn AC/S Intell Ft Pepperrell Nfld

DTG : 211930Z 21 February 1949

Report from Crystal 1, Fort Chimo, Quebec, states that on 19 Feb 1949 at about 1840 hours, a sound appearing to be slow running aircraft engines was heard from a general southwesterly direction from the Base at a very high altitude. The sound remained within hearing distance for about 15 to 20 minutes, during which no objects or lights were observed. Check has been made to establish the fact that there were no Canadian or USAF planes from Goose Bay in the vicinity at that time. Written report will follow.

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MARCH FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
March Air Force Base, California

DMZ 360.112 1 March 1949

SUBJECT: Information of Unidentified Flying Object.

TO: Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3.

1. In accordance with letter, Headquarters, USAF, subject: "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"," dated 6 February 1948 and Flight Service Regulation 200-4, the following information of unidentified flying object is forwarded as received by March Flight Service Center from Air Route Traffic Control, Los Angeles.

a. 1st Lt. John T. Smith, pilot of Air Force 7346, T-11 on a round robin flight from Fresno Air Terminal, California to Los Angeles and return, reported that he was circled by a jet propelled blimp while over Sandberg Pass, about 40 miles south of Bakersfield, California at 2030 P, 28 February 1949. The speed of the object was estimated at 500 MPH, flying at an altitude of nine thousand feet. The object then disappeared on a heading of 180°.

b. Weather reported for Sandberg Pass at 2030 P was twenty thousand feet thin scattered clouds, visibility 10 miles, temperature 36, dew point 34, wind south 7, altimeter 3007. Remarks to the sequence weather were: Visibility west 1 mile, fog ceiling and visibility variable due to scattered stratas drifting over station. Conditions radically changing.

c. No other information of object's size, shape, speed, or color, is available.

RALPH A. REEVE,
Lt. Colonel, USAF,
Commanding.

Information Copies to:
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Washington 25, D.C.
Attn. Director of Intelligence
Commander, MATS, Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Intelligence Division
CO, Flight Service, Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: A-2

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C-47B	C1	1	672	366	306	72	0	234	80	22	3	28	57	6848	0
C-45F	C1	2	1176	360	816	672	0	144	69	21	2	16	62	2686	0
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17 February 1949

SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Department

1. On page 46 of the (British) Inter-Services Aircraft Recognition Journal for November 1948 (Vol 3 No. 4) appears a photograph bearing the following caption:

> "Flying Saucer, original, U.S. Navy, for the use of. The Chance-Vought V-173 or XF5U-1 was designed for speed range from zero to 550 m.p.h. -- ideal for carrier work. There is no sign of it in service yet."

2. Reference publication is unclassified, however its distribution is limited to personnel of the British Armed Forces. No copies at present are available in this office.

3. Outline tracing of the above photo is attached.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

STANLEY Q. WENTZ
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

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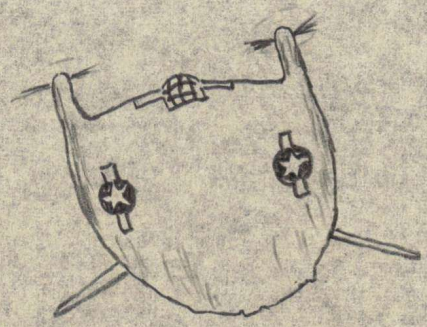

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Flying Discs

HEADQUARTERS 6TH WEATHER SQUADRON
Albrook Air Force Base
Canal Zone

17 February 1949

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects Vicinity of San Andres Islands, Caribbean Sea

TO: Commanding General
Military Air Transport Service
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: AC/S, A-2

1. In accordance with Restricted letter, Headquarters, 2108th Air Weather Group, subject: Report on Information on "Flying Discs", dated 24 March 1948, the following report is submitted.

2. At 2030 hours on 8 February 1949, Captain McBride of the S. S. Antigua, A United Fruit vessel, berthed at Cristobal pier area, Canal Zone, was interviewed by Intelligence personnel, Caribbean Air Command, concerning three aerial objects sighted by officers of his ship on voyage to Canal Zone from New Orleans, Louisiana.

3. Captain McBride stated that the first object, which appeared to be a disc, was sighted at 1630 on 6 February 1949 at 12 degrees 30 minutes north latitude, 81 degrees 10 minutes west latitude, in the close vicinity of the San Andres Islands. The S. S. Antigua's course was 152 degrees at 16 knots. When sighted, the object was at an altitude of 60 degrees from the horizon as determined by the ship's sextant in the direction of 120 degrees. As it passes directly over the ship, several officers described it as a round, silver-colored sphere. Although McBride had difficulty in determining its height, he estimated the diameter as 12 to 14 inches. As it passed overhead, bearing 310 degrees, it changed color from silver to yellow to red and went out of sight in the dusk at an altitude of 22 degrees. The wind at the time was estimated at force four, approximately 29.

4. At 1700 on the same date two more objects were sighted, one off the port bow at an altitude between 50 and 60 degrees, and the other off the starboard bow bearing 201 degrees at an altitude of 47 degrees. Both disappeared abeam in the dusk. None showed any luminousity or motivating power.

5. The circumstances described suggest a possibility that these objects are some type of weather balloons. A study made by this headquarters of the prevailing winds at all altitudes during the period 4-6 February 1949 virtually eliminate any possibility of a radiosonde instrument being the object sighted. The only release point which might have

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resulted in a balloon being in the area of the San Andres Islands is that located at Managua, Nicaragua. However, since no objects were seen to be attached to the discs, it seems improbable that a radiosonde train might have been involved. There is a possibility that a balloon broke free prior to release and subsequently developed a leak which caused it to drift into the area of the sighting. However, none of these possibilities account for the sighting of three objects within a thirty minute period.

6. On 7 February 1949 two Russian 300-ton sloops (Omar and Blesk) arrived at Colon, Republic of Panama, from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, enroute to Valdivostok via Honolulu, Hawaii. The backtrack computation of wind and course and point of sighting lend a possibility that the objects were in free flight after release from these ships which followed a direct course from St Thomas to Colon. These two vessels are presently awaiting repairs at Colon. Two other vessels of the same type are presently in St Thomas undergoing repairs. Any further developments will be reported promptly.

7. The above report has already been submitted to Headquarters Air Materiel Command and Headquarters United States Air Force by the Caribbean Air Command.

George W Moxon
GEORGE W MOXON
Major, USAF
Commanding

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Chief, AWS
CO, 2108th Air Wea Gp

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

7 February 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

The following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted in compliance with Flight Service Regulation 200-4.

a. LOCATION AND TIME OF SIGHTING: Godman AFB, Ft Knox, Kentucky, 0250E, 7 February 1949.

b. WEATHER AT THE TIME:

(1) 0230E Weather: Clear 10 miles visibility, 31.63 MB, temperature 31, dew point 29, wind WNW at 7, Kolzman Setting 29.99.

(2) 0330E Weather: Clear 10 miles visibility, 31.69 MB, temperature 29, dew point 26, wind NW at 4, Kolzman Setting 30.01.

c. NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES:

(1) Sgt Donald E. Ledbetter, Tower Operator, Ft Knox, Kentucky.

(2) PFC Richard G. Dumphy, Weather Observer, Ft Knox, Kentucky.

(3) PFC Richard E. Peterman, Weather Observer, Ft Knox, Kentucky.

(4) Cpl Charles L. Rogers, occupation unknown, Ft Knox, Kentucky.

d. PHOTOGRAPHS OF OBJECTS, IF AVAILABLE: None available.

e. SKETCHES OF OBJECT'S CONFIGURATION: None.

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7 Feb 49

Subject: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

f. OBJECT SIGHTED:

(1) NUMBER: One.

(2) SHAPE: No report.

(3) SIZE: No report.

(4) COLOR: Bright green, yellow, red.

(5) SPEED: Unknown.

(6) HEADING: SW from Godman Field.

(7) MANEUVERABILITY: Object appeared to be rotating.

(8) ALTITUDE: Horizontal angle 242.5°, vertical angle 03.6°.

(9) SOUND: No report.

(10) EXHAUST TRAIL OR NOT: None.

g. GENERAL REMARKS:

(1) At 0250E, bright object sighted SW of Ft Knox, Kentucky by weather observers. Traced on Theodolite. Object appeared to be rotating with green, yellow and red colors. The object was getting dimmer as time passed.

(2) At 0310E, object disappeared in SW completely after a series of bright flashes.

CLARK L. MILLER
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding

Copy Furnished:
1 - Chief of Staff, USAF, ATTN: Director of Intelligence
1 - Commander MATS, ATTN: Chief Intelligence Divn
1 - CO Flight Service, ATTN: A-2

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From: COMGENAMC Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio cite COWPPFSC

To: CO Flight Service Wash DC

Nr: AT-542 7 February 1949

Unidentified flying object report.

Location and time of sighting: Godman AFB Ft Knox Ky 7 Feb 1949 0250 eastern. Weather at the time: 0230 eastern weather clear 10 miles visibility 1016.3 MB, temp 31, dew point 29, wind west north west at 7, Kolzman setting 29.99. 0330 eastern weather: clear 10 miles visibility 1016.9 MB, temp 29, dew point 26, wing north west at 4, Kolzman setting 30.01.

Names occupations and addresses of witnesses: Sgt Donald E Ledbetter Tower Operator Fort Knox Ky, PFC Richard G Dumphy Weather Observer Fort Knox Ky, PFC Richard E Peterman Weather Observer Fort Knox Ky, Cpl Charles L Rogers occupation unknown Fort Knox Ky.

Photographs of objects if available: none available. Sketches of objects configuration: none. Object sighted: number: 1. Shape: no report, size: no report, color: bright green yellow red, speed: unknown, heading: south west from Godman Field, maneuverability: object appeared to be rotating, attitude, horizontal angle 242.5 degrees, vertical angle 03.6 degrees. Sound: no report, exhaust trail or not: none. General remarks: at 0250 eastern bright object sighted south west of Fort Knox Ky by weather observers. Traced on Theodolite. Object appeared to be rotating with green, yellow and red colors. The object were dimmer as time passed. At 0310 eastern object disappeared in south west completely after a series of bright flashes.

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2143D AIR WEATHER WING
APO 925

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SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unidentified Phenomenon

TO : Commanding General
Far East Air Forces
APO 925
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

1. In accordance with the provisions of letter, Headquarters, United States Air Force, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'", 26 February 1948, the following information is forwarded:

a. Inclosures 1, 2 and 3 are reports received by the Japanese Central Meteorological Observatory in Tokyo. The observations indicated in these reports were taken by Japanese Weather personnel at the respective stations.

b. Inclosure 4 indicates the location of the stations which observed the object and it's probable path and point of explosion or disappearance.

c. Inclosures 5 and 6 are surface synoptic charts showing the weather existing over Japan at 0600Z and 1200Z on 25 January, which times are approximately four and one half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) hours before and one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) hours after the unidentified object was sighted.

c. No information has been received other than that reported by the Japanese.

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1. Rpt - Fukushima
2. Rpt - Iida, Suwa and Nagano
3. Rpt - Takayama and Gifu
4. Chart - Observation and Path
5. Wx Chart- 250600Z
6. Wx Chart- 251200Z

cc: Commanding General
Military Air Transport Service
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Div.

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REPORT ON AN ABNORMAL PHENOMENON

Jan. 28, 1949.
CMO., Tokyo

A telegram was received from the Fukushima Weather Station (37°45'N, 140°28'E) stating as follows:

At about 7.30 p.m., a glow pale in colour was seen flying from northwest toward southeast, which fell with a roar like thunder. The spot of descent seems to be Nakagori Village, Tamura County to the east of Koriyama (37°24'N, 140°23'E). Probably, it was a meteor. The detailed state is now under investigation.

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ADDITIONAL REPORT ON THE GLOW PHENOMENON ON 25TH

Jan. 27th, 1949.
CMO., Tokyo

In addition to the previous report on the glow from the Takayama Weather Station, we have received reports also from the other stations on the same phenomenon, stating as follows:

1. Iida Weather Station.

Last night, we have observed in this district a phenomenon, probably be a fall of meteor. The following is the report for it.

At Iida, at 19h 46m 30s, a pale glow was observed in the direction of Northeast at an altitude of 35° above the horizon, which moved almost horizontally through north toward west and then disappeared. This glow was as great as one and a half of the moon in diameter with considerable brightness. At about 19h 50m, a heavy sound was heard and doors trembled. This phenomenon have been observed in many places in the district of this station, of which report will be made after investigation.

2. Suwa Weather Station.

At 19h 50m on 25th, a pale glow like meteor with a sound was observed at Suwa. This glow appeared in a distance of a few degree to the north-north-east of Betelguese in the Orion Constellation and moved almost to southeast, attaining its maximum brightness at an altitude of about 60° above horizon. It shined with palish white colour, the intensity of which was such that objects on the ground near the observer were clearly discernible for a moment illuminated by it. Thereafter, it became yellowish in colour, then yellowish red passing a point in the southwest and at an altitude of about 40°, and finally disappeared. The time elapsed for the above was 3 or 4 seconds. About 1 minute thereafter, a sound resembling to a distant thunder was heard, which continued for about 15 seconds.

3. Nagano Weather Station.

At about 19h 50m on January 25th, a phenomenon, probably be a meteor, with a sound like that of explosion was observed in many places near this station. According to the observation taken by Yasuo Miyamoto, a member of this station, a glow appeared in the direction of east-south-east and at a point of medium altitude above horizon, which moved sending out palish white light toward a point in the direction of west-south-west, where it disappeared below the horizon. This glow continued about 5 minutes. About 3 minutes thereafter, a sound like that of explosion was heard in the direction of west-south-west.

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REPORT OF AN ABNORMAL PHENOMENON

Jan. 26, 1949.
CMO., Tokyo.

A telegram was received from the Takayama Weather Station (36°09'N, 137°15'E) stating as follows:

At about 7.40 p.m. on 25th, a remarkable glow was experienced to the southeast of this station. This glow moved southwestwards and then disappeared followed by a sound like thunder after a few minutes. This sound was rather loud in the vicinity of Osaka Town near this station. According to a report from Miya Village, the glow appeared there almost overhead and, a few minutes later, a sound resembling to thunder was heard from the south. Summing up the reports by eye-witnesses, this phenomenon might be the explosion of a meteor.

Also at Gifu, a glow was seen to the north-north-east at about the same instance as above, while in the Nagoya District Central Meteorological Observatory, no such a phenomenon was observed.

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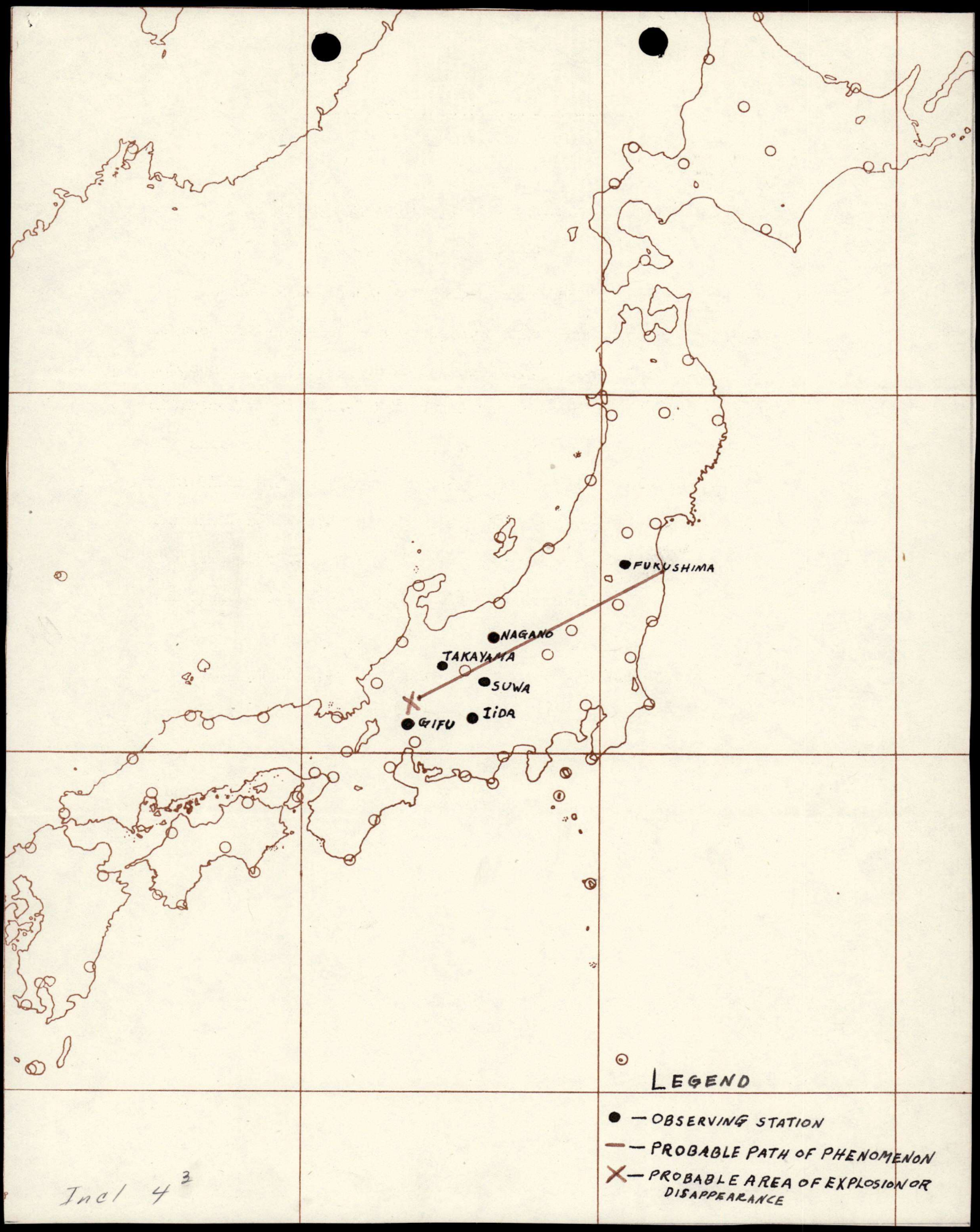
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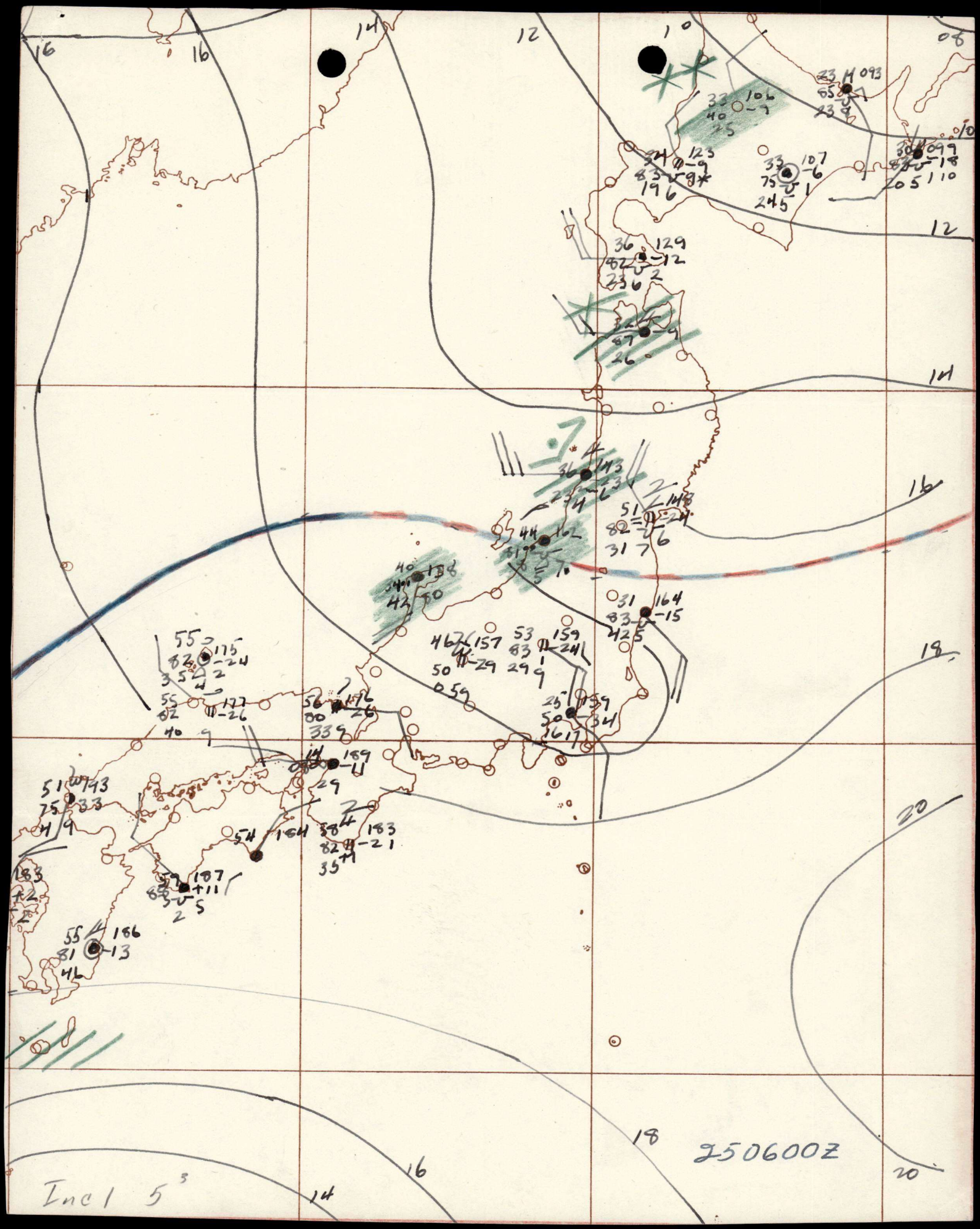
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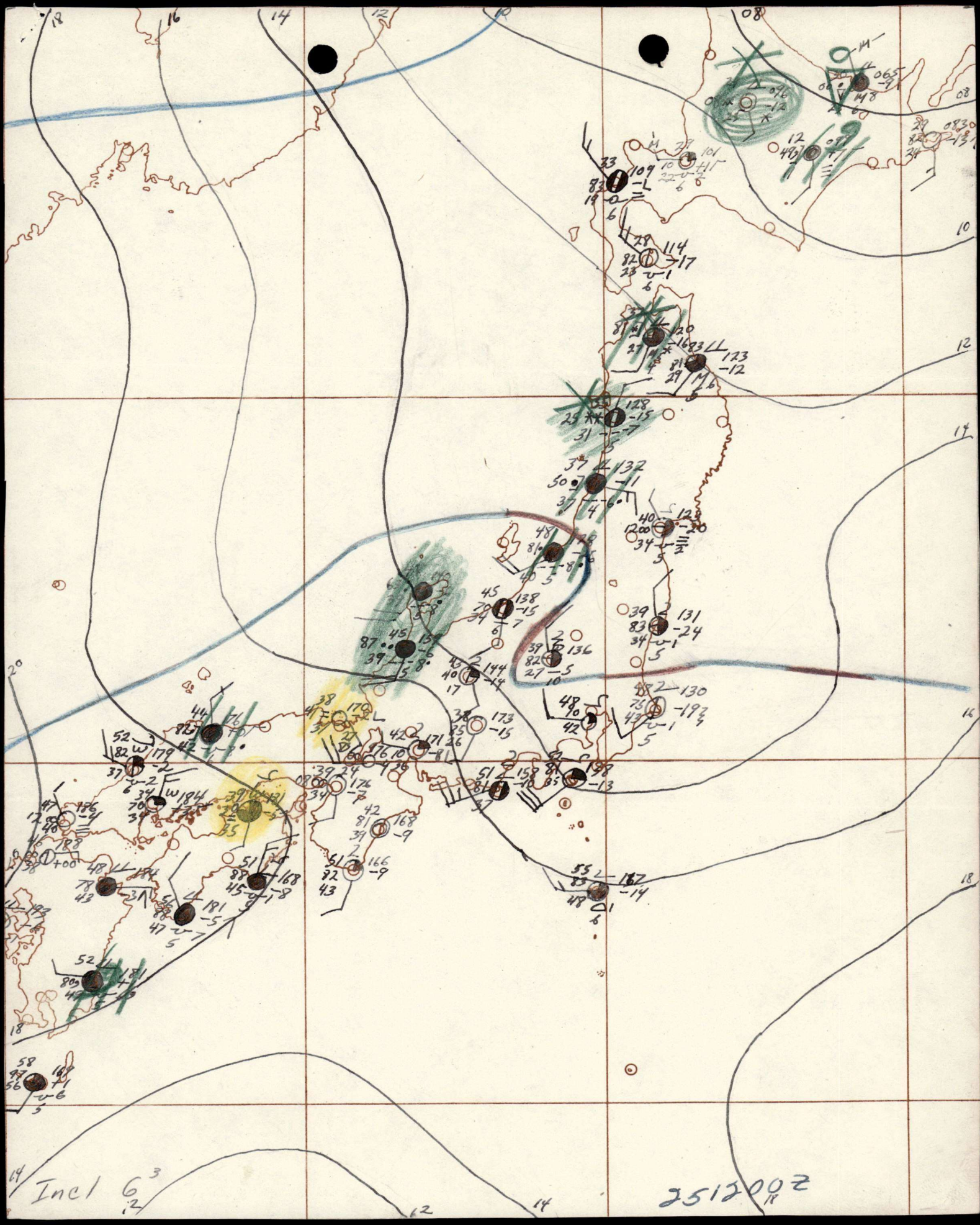
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MATS A-2, ATTN: Capt. Hathaway

DATE: 7 February 1949
AACS/A-2/CCR/mlb/2113
COMMENT NO. 1

FROM : AACS A-2

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Air Object

Following information received from the 1810th AACS Group, Hickam AFB, regarding the sighting of an unidentified air object, is quoted for your information:

"ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CHECK CHARLIE FIVE FOUR SUSPECTED OF RELEASING SIGHTED OBJECT BUT NO CHARLIE FIVE FOUR CONTACTED OR IN AREA AT ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN LOCAL TIME PD HOWEVER THERE WERE TWO ROGER FIVE DOGS IN AREA WHICH IS NAVAL DESIGNATION FOR CHARLIE FIVE FOUR PD ONE LANDED AT ONE FIVE ZERO SIX BEARING NUMBER ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN AND TAKE OFF HAD BEEN FROM EWA MARINE BASE PD NOT LIKELY IN THE AREA AT ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN PD SECOND ROGER FIVE DOG LANDED AT ONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT PD NUMBER SIX FOUR EIGHT SIX PD ALSO DEPARTED FROM EWA AND NOT LIKELY IN AREA PD ONLY OTHER CONTACT WAS CHARLIE FIVE FOUR AT ZERO NINE ZERO NINE LOCAL TIME AND WAS TRANS-PAC SHIP DEPARTING FOR JOHNSTON ISLAND PD IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER OF AIR FIELDS IN THIS AREA IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OTHER CONTACTS WITH OTHER TOWERS WERE MADE AT THE TIME PD HOWEVER HICKAM CONTACTS DO NOT REVEAL ANY FURTHER INFO."

Ernest S. Moon
ERNEST S. MOON
Colonel, USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence & Security

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MATS A-2, ATTN: Capt. Hathaway

DATE: 8 February 1949
AACS/A-2/CCR/mlb/2113
COMMENT NO. 1

FROM : AACS A-2

SUBJECT: Sighting of "Flying Discs"

A strong possibility exists that the "flying disc" might have been a piece of cardboard, or light metallic substance carried aloft by the funneled air currents over Hickam.

The nearby cane fields give off a considerable amount of moisture, thereby creating a "dead space." The prevailing winds striking this area are directed upward over the field, and hence could carry inanimate objects up with them.

Then, too, the altitude given could be considerably off, inasmuch as the object sighted was thin. Judging heights of such objects is difficult enough, even if the object were 3 - 4 feet in thickness.

Suggest you check records of Air Weather Service for confirmation of wind peculiarities over Hickam.

Charles C. Robinson
CHARLES C. ROBINSON
Captain, USAF

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1. Cy ltr, 1810th AACS Gp, 8 Jan 49, w/2 ind
2. Cy msg, 71st AACS Gp, 050330Z Jan

Checked with AWS and found updrafts occur in this area but not of sufficient intensity to induce movement described in correspondence attached.

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS, 1810th AACS GROUP
APO 953, c/o PM, San Francisco, California

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AACS 350.09 8 January 1949

SUBJECT: Sighting of "Flying Disc"

THRU: Commanding Officer
1808th AACS Wing
APO 925, c/o PM
San Francisco, California
ATTN: A-2

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. In compliance with directives received from higher headquarters, forwarded herewith is complete information as received from a witness who viewed an object presumed to be a "flying disc" over Hickam Field. This object was first seen by Capt. Paul R. Stoney, AO 36278, on 4 January 1949 at 1407 local time and went out of sight at approximately 1435 local time. The object was first sighted by Capt. Stoney when it was approximately 25 miles due east of Hickam. There were scattered clouds at 3500 feet (base) and the visibility at the time was approximately 20 miles plus. Capt. Stoney is the Assistant S-2 Officer of the 1810th AACS Group located at Hickam Field, T. H., and is also a twin-engine pilot. No photographs are available due to the fact that Capt. Stoney was not in possession of a camera at the time and had no idea that he would have sufficient time to procure one. In the words of Capt. Stoney, the object appeared to be a large round piece of flat white cardboard, oscillating continually. The object sighted was the only one seen and appeared to approximate the size of an AT-6. Capt. Stoney stated that the object seemed to be extremely white on the underside, while the topside portion of the object seemed to have a dark, non-reflecting surface. The speed of the object was approximated at 85 miles per hour. Capt. Stoney further stated that the object circled the area, making right circles and left circles at approximately

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3000 feet, continually gaining altitude and then suddenly departed, still climbing on a straight course of 25 degrees magnetic. It is the opinion of the witness that the object had limited maneuverability, and that no audible sound emanated from the object. There was no exhaust trail visible.

2. The witness was much impressed by the brilliance of the whiteness of the underside of the object and stated that prior to the disappearance of the object at a distance of 40 to 50 miles from Hickam Field, the object still seemed to give off a blinking whitish reflection and, according to the witness, this blinking seemed to go on and off with decided regularity.

3. Capt. Stoney reported the presence of a C-54 type aircraft in the vicinity of Hickam Field at the time of the initial sighting of the object, and he stated that he was almost convinced that this object was released from or by this C-54 aircraft.

4. Capt. Stoney reported that, at all times and during the departure of the object, the undulation of the object was extremely rhythmical and that this rhythmical cycle was completed approximately once every second.

5. When object ultimately departed on a straight course, it appeared to increase speed and also to increase the angle of climb so that the angle of climb approximated 25 degrees. Witness stated that it was extremely difficult to approximate the rate of speed during departure due to the distance involved and the intermittency of the reflection. Witness stated that it was his opinion that this object was under absolute control at all times and that definite gyrations were being executed. The turns were extremely wide and decisive.

6. The opinion of Capt. Stoney on this subject is considered to be worthy of consideration as this officer is an extremely cool and level-headed person, who is not given to the making of rash statements or using poor judgment.

7. In the event that further information is desired by your headquarters concerning the object as reported, this headquarters will be ready to cooperate in every way possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ George E. Murray
GEORGE E. MURRAY
Captain, USAF
Security & Intelligence Officer

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BASIC: Ltr frm 1810 AACS Gp, 8 Jan 49, subj: "Sighting of "Flying Disc"'

AACS 350.09 1st Ind Cl/dms

HQ 1808TH AACS WING, APO 925, c/o PM, San Francisco, California,
17 January 1949

TO: Commanding General, Airways & Air Communications Service,
Washington 25, D.C., Attn: A/C of S, A-2

This written report confirms information contained in Priority radio, DTG 050330Z Jan, of the 1810th AACS Group.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Elton D. Vaughan
ELTON D. VAUGHAN
Major, SIG C (USAF)
A/C of S, A-2

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AACS 350.09 (8 Jan 49) 2d Ind
SUBJECT: Sighting of "Flying Disc"

Hq Airways and Air Communications Service, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. Foregoing correspondence is forwarded in compliance with Hq USAF Letter, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs,'" dated 26 February 1948, as amended by Hq USAF Letter, same subject, dated 26 February 1948.

2. The attention of the 1808th AACS Wing has been invited to the above-referenced Hq USAF Letters, with particular emphasis on the correct routing of information pertaining to the sighting of "Flying Discs."

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ERNEST S. MOON
Colonel, USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence & Security

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MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE

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FROM: 71 AACS GP HICKAM AFB

TO : HQ AACS

INFO: 1808 AACS WG, PAC AIR COMD

FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED BY MEMBER OF THIS COMMAND CONCERNING SEEMING FLYING DISC PD OBJECT FIRST CITED BY CAPT STONEY RPT STONEY THIS COMMAND AT ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN LOCAL TIME ON FOUR JAN FOUR NINE PD THE DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECT AT ONE FOUR THREE FIVE LOCAL TIME PD OBJECT FIRST CITED SIX MILES DUE EAST OF HICKAM FIELD WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS AT THREE FIVE ZERO ZERO FEET AND VISIBILITY OF TWO ZERO MILES PLUS PD OBJECT APPEARED TO BE LARGE ROUND PIECE OF FLAT WHITE CARDBOARD OSCILATING AND APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF ABLE TARE SIX PD EXTREMELY WHITE UNDERSIDE AND DARD NON REFLECTED TOPISDE TRAVELING AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FIVE MILES PER HOUR PD CIRCLED AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE FIVE MINUTES GAINING ALTITUDE ALL THE TIME AND FINALLY DEPARTED WHILE STILL CLIMBING ON ABLE STRAIGHT COURSE OF TWO FIVE DEGREES MAGNETIC PD MANEUVERABILITY WAS LIMITED CMA NO AUDIBLE SOUND AND NO EXHAUST TRAIL VISIBLE PD WITNESS BELIEVES OBJECT WAS RELEASED FROM CHARLIE FIVE FOUR AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY OF HICKAM AT TIME OF INITIAL SIGHTING PD OBJECT UNDULATED RHYTHMICALLY COMPLETING CYCLE APPROXIMATELY EVERY SECOND PD OBJECT SEEMED TO BE UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES PD DEFINITE GYRATIONS BEING EXECUTED PD TURNS WERE EXTREMELY WIDE PD NO PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE PD COMPLETE ALSO TO CG AIR MATERIEL COMMAND WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCIAXO RPT MCIAXO

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Paraphrase not required. Handle as ~~SECRET~~ correspondence per paragraphs 51i and 60a(4), AR 380-5, 15 August 1946.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1501ST AIR TRANSPORT WING
PACIFIC DIVISION – MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
FAIRFIELD–SUISUN AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

D/AC/dwm

19 January 1949

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Military Air Transport Service
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Division

In compliance with instructions from Pacific Division, MATS, there is transmitted herewith a report of an unidentified aerial object. The Essential Elements of Information Form together with three attachments thereto are enclosed. Copies of the report have been forwarded to:

Headquarters, USAF, Attention: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIAXO-3
Headquarters, Pacific Division, MATS, Attention: Chief, Intelligence Division.

Arthur Conradi Jr

ARTHUR CONRADI JR.
Major, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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* STATEMENT *

12 January 1949

At the request of Chief of Intelligence, the undersigned wishes to describe as accurately as possible his impressions of the brief appearance of an unknown illuminated object which appeared over Fairfield-Suisun AFB at 2015 PST on 3 December 1948. The object first shot into view about 2 miles north of the control tower, flying at a low altitude between 500 and 1000 feet, climbing on a low trajectory, with a speed estimated at something in excess of 400 miles per hour. Immediately after sighting, this observer rushed to the east side of the tower. By this time the object was estimated to have not more than 1500 feet of altitude and its speed had slowed for several seconds to perhaps two-hundred (200) miles per hour. The observer can recall that at this stage the object had a very slight undulating or bouncing motion. When its position oriented with a line between the tower and the air freight terminal, but a slight distance east of the terminal, the object took an almost vertical rise or climb and levelled off again at an estimated three thousand feet. At that time the other control tower operator on duty continued watching the object while this observer telephoned the AACS operations officer residing on the base in hopes he might be able to get a look at it. The other tower operator reported the object almost immediatly afterwards started a fast climb toward the south-southeast and reached about twenty thousand feet, at which point he lost sight of it. The undersigned never saw the object again after going for the telephone.

Pertinent information is that the light was clearly seen with the naked eye, brilliant but by no means blinding. In size it was comparable to one of Fairfield-Suisun AFB's high-intensity runway lights. The observer is convinced it was not an aircraft navigation light. The night was clear, and the wind was indicating southwest at 10 miles per hour on tower instruments.

I certify and affirm that the information herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Arthur Conradi Jr

ARTHUR CONRADI JR
Major, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

/s/ Bruce Earlin McFarland
/t/ Bruce Earlin McFarland
PFC, USAF
1901 AACS Squadron
Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif.

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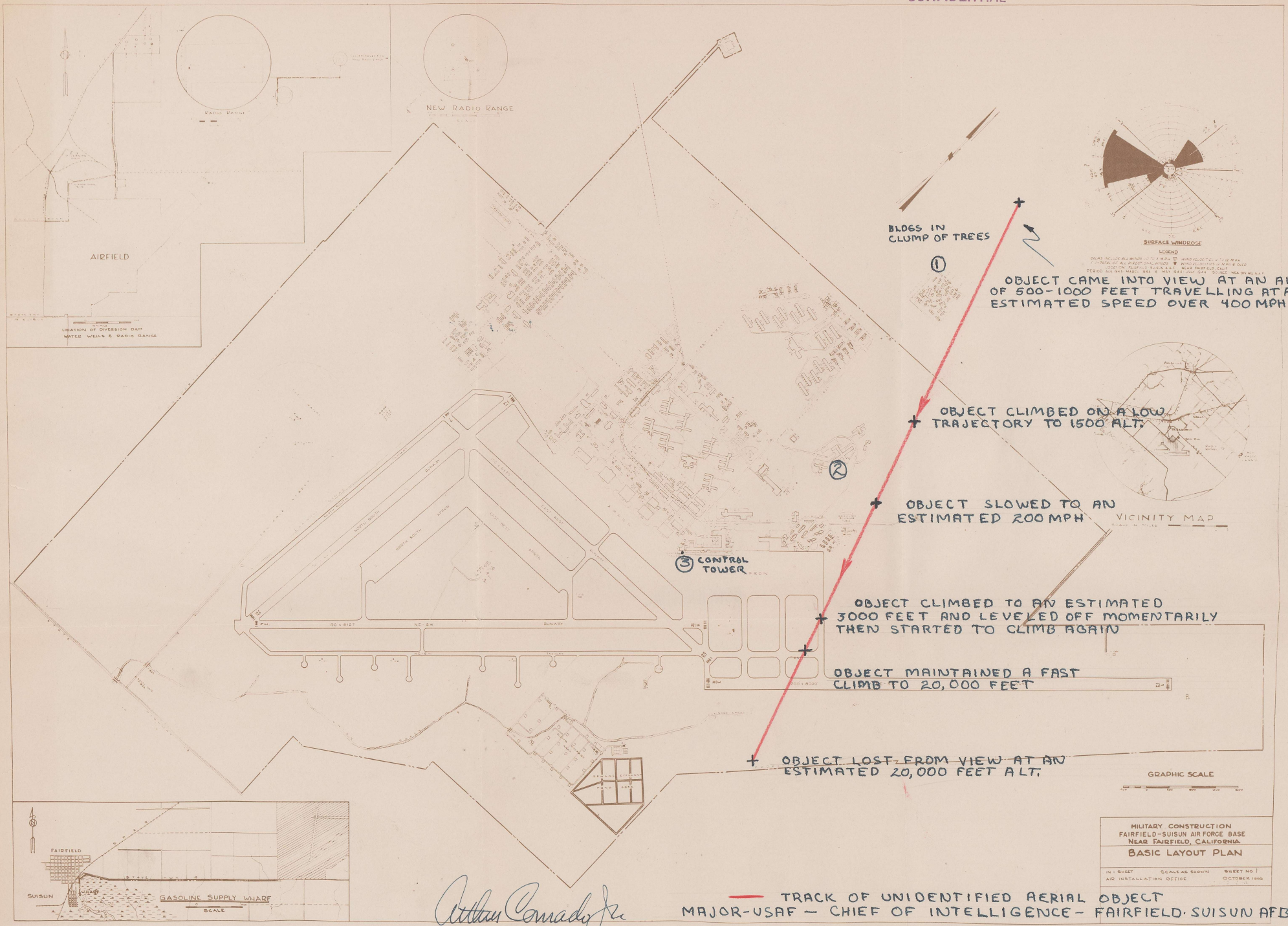

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of Sighting:

3 December 1948

2. Time of sighting
(Zonal by 24 hr clock)

2015 hours Pacific Standard Time

3. Where sighted:

a. Ground:

(1) City, town:

Object was sighted by personnel in the Fairfield-Suisun AFB Control tower.

(2) Distance and direction from city or town road, intersections, etc.

Fairfield-Suisun AFB Control tower is located in the center of the AF Base and 5.5 miles east of the town of Fairfield, California.

(3) From building (story), yard, etc..

Personnel sighted the object while standing inside the control tower 50 feet above ground level.

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude:

North latitude 38° 16'
West Longitude 121° 56'

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight:

Not applicable

(2) Distance and direction from city or town or known landmark:

Not applicable

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft:

Not applicable

(4) Latitude and longitude:

Not applicable

c. Sea:

(1) Latitude and longitude:

Not applicable

(2) Proximity to land:
(Name city, country, etc)

Not a pplicable

4. Number of objects:

a. Formation type (if any)
(sketch if possible)

One object was sighted.

5. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally or horizontally:

The object was first sighted at a distance of two miles; it proceeded toward the observer and passed within 500-800 yards of the tower, then climbed out of sight.

b. Angle of elevation from horizon:

Approximately 20° when first sighted, then it climbed out of sight.

c. Altitude:

Altitude was 500 to 1000 feet when first sighted, then it climbed out of sight at approximately 20,000 feet.

6. Time in sight:

Approximately 25 seconds.

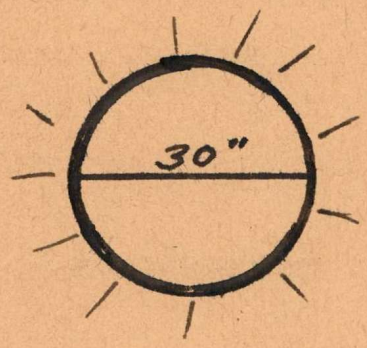
7. Appearance of object:

a. Color:

Object was a colorless white light.

b. Shape (sketch if possible):

Round light 30 inches in diameter.



c. Apparent construction (translucent):

Looked like a searchlight with the light intensity of a runway light.

d. Size:

(1) Estimated Size:

Approximately 30 inches diameter.

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view:
(Compared to known object)

About the size of a 30" diameter searchlight.

8. Direction of flight:

NNW to SSE

9. Tactics or maneuvers:

a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

Came over horizon from altitude of 500 to 1000 feet and when opposite the control tower seemed to slow down then climbed to about 3,000 feet, seemed to hesitate again and then climbed almost vertically out of sight at an altitude estimated to be 20,000 feet. See description contained in statement in paragraph 8 of the General section below.

10. Evidence of exhaust:

a. Color of smoke:

No exhaust was observed.

b. Length and width:

None observed.

c. Odor (if any):

No odor was detected by the observers inside the control tower.

d. Rate of evaporation:

None.

e. Does trail vary with sound?
(spurts)

No trail observed.

11. Effect on clouds:

a. Opened path thru clouds:

No clouds were present where the object climbed.

b. Formed cloud or mists:

No cloud or mists were formed.

c. Reflected on cloud:

No reflections were observed.

d. Shown thru cloud:

No clouds were between observer and object at any time.

12. Lights:

a. Reflected or attached:

The object itself resembled a light.

b. Luminous:

The object shone with the brightness of a high-intensity runway light.

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed:

Object was a steady light.

13. Support:

a. Wings:

No wings were observed on the object.

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage:

No fuselage was observed.

c. Vertical jet:

No jet was observed.

d. Rotating cylinder or cone:

No cylinder or cone was observed.

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible):

No aerostatic lift condition was observed.

14. Propulsion:

a. Propeller or jet:

No propeller or jet was observed.

b. Rotor:

No rotor was observed.

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katzmayer effect):

No aerodynamic vanes were observed.

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings:

No exhaust or jet openings were observed.

15. Control and stability

a. Fins:

No fins were observed.

b. Stabilizers

No stabilizers of any kind were observed.

16. Air Ducts:

a. Slots:

No slots were observed.

b. Duct openings:

No duct openings were observed.

17. Speed-MPH:

Came over the horizon from NNW at approximately 400 MPH slowed to approximately 200 MPH and then climbed at 400-500 MPH out of sight.

18. Sound:

a. Continuous whine or buzz:

No sound of any kind was heard by the observer.

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh:

No sound was heard.

c. Intermittent:

No sound was heard.

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be constued as such):

No radio antenna of any description was observed.

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode:

The object did not explode.

(1) Possibility of fragments:

No fragments were observed or could be found from the object.

(2) Other physical evidence:

No other physical evidence of the object could be found.

b. Faded from view:

The object climbed out of sight.

c. Disappeared behind obstacle:

The object climbed out of sight in a clear sky.

Relative to the Observer

1. Names of observers:

Joseph Don Delafayette
Sgt AF 12106504
Honorably discharged from the service 6 December 1948.

Bruce Earlin McFarland
Pfc AF 16278687

2. Address:

DelaFayette
R.D. 1, Ballston Spa
New York

McFarland
1901st AACS Squadron
Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California

3. Occupation:

DeLafayette - Unknown

McFarland - Control tower operator

4. Place of business:

a. Employer or employee:

DeLafayette - Unknown

McFarland - USAF

5. Hobbies:

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.

DeLafayette - Unknown

McFarland - Pfc McFarland, prior to military service, was for three years a radio announcer and was well trained as an announcer of sporting events. No other hobbies are engaged in by Pfc McFarland.

6. Ability to determine:

a. Color:

Both observers are required by high physical requirements to know colors.

b. Speed of moving objects:

Observers are constantly required to estimate the spped of moving aircraft in the course of their normal duties.

c. Size at distance:

Observers are constantly required to estimate the size and distance of objects in the course of their normal duties.

7. Reliability of observer:

a. Sources:

(1) Neighbors:

Both observers are considered fully reliable, competent airmen by their fellow NCO's.

(2) Police Dept:

No police record on the observers.

(3) FBI records:

No FBI records on the observers.

(4) Employer:

AACS officer in charge of the observers consider them high type individuals fully qualified both mentally and physically for control tower duty; they are considered competent, reliable observers psychologically stable.

8. Notes relative to observer on:

a. Sightings in general:

Both observers are considered competent, reliable and psychologically stable.

b. How attention was drawn to objects:

(1) Sound:

No

(2) Motion:

Yes

(3) Glint of light:

Yes

9. Witnesses:

a. Addresses:

No other witnesses could be found. The object was in view too short a time to obtain the observations of other personnel.

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated:

Both observers are considered competent, reliable and psychologically stable. Pfc McFarland has a General Classification Test Schore of 143.

Relative to Radar Sightings

No radar sightings of the object were made or could be obtained.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

3 December 1948 at 2030 Pacific Standard Time, Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Ceiling 3000 feet scattered 15 miles visibility, 1014.6 millibars, temperature 44°, dewpoint 32° F, wind 10 MPH from the west, Altimeter setting 29.95 inches.

2. Winds aloft report:

Winds aloft sequence for 032315Z December 1948 follows: SUU 21 02312 2513 22809 3109 43213 3016 63017 3019 82920 2923 03022 23017 42823.

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:

No flying was scheduled or observed in the vicinity of the Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base at the time of the observation.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other:

A winds-aloft balloon was released 35-45 minutes prior to the sighting and was lost from view 10 minutes after release.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purposes of making comparison of soils:

Object made no apparent contact with the earth and no contacts could be found.

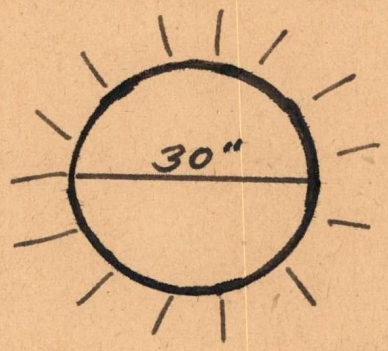
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects, check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft, objects, etc.

Object did not come sufficiently near known objects to obtain radioactivity readings.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

a. Object:

Object appeared to be a round light 30 inches in diameter.



b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed:

Annotated photographs and diagrams of the Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base are attached as enclosures 1 and 2 to this report.

c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened):

Object did not contact the earth.

d. Maneuvers:

The object maneuvered as described in statement contained in enclosure #3 and indicated in enclosures #1 and #2 to this report.

e. Formation (if more than two):

One object was sighted.

8. Secure signed statement:

Statement attached as enclosure #3 to this report.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible:

No fragments or other physical evidences of the object were obtained.

Arthur Conradi Jr.
ARTHUR CONRADI JR.
Major, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

3 Incls.
1. Photograph
2. Diagram
3. Statement

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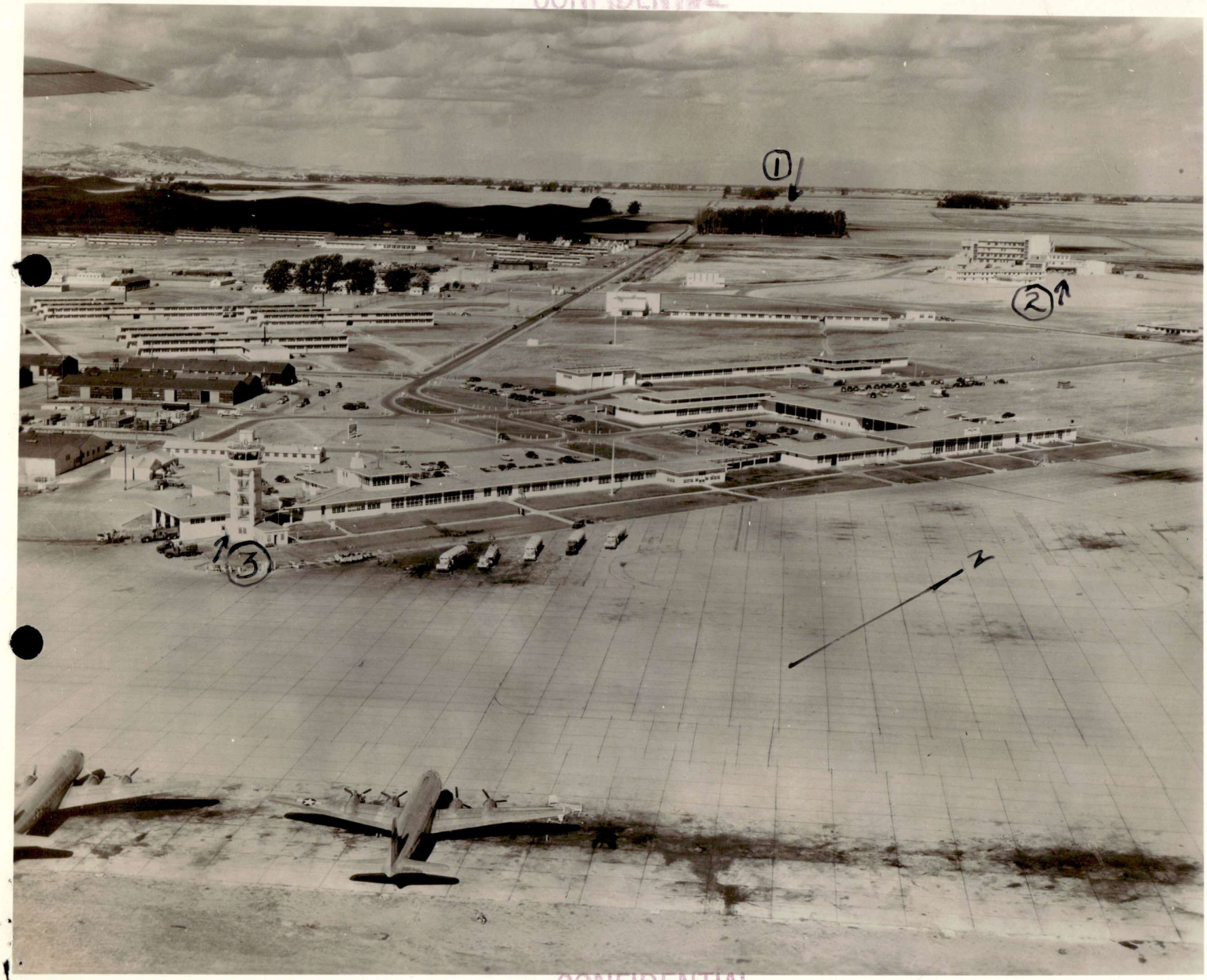

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Intelligence Division, MATS
ATTN: Capt. Hathaway

FROM : AACS A-2

DATE: 24 January 1949
AACS/A-2/CCR/mlb/2113
COMMENT NO. 1

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

1. The following information is transmitted for such action as you may deem necessary. Source is the 1805th AACS Group, located in Newfoundland; Newfoundland Base Command has already been notified:

"OBSERVED ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO TWO ZEBRA JAN FOUR NINE WAS UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FLYING OVER INDIAN HOUSE LAKE CANADA PD BRIGHT LIGHTS WAS EMITTED FROM OBJECT PD LIGHT TRAVELLED EXCEEDINGLY FAST AND WAS ONLY PART SIGHTED CMA NOT OBJECT ITSELF PD SHOOTING STAR OR METEOR WAS DEDUCTION OF INDIAN HOUSE PERSONNEL WHO PASSED FOREGOING INFO TO THIS HQ VIA GOOSEBAY AACS SQUADRON WITH FURTHER STATEMENT THAT OBJECT OR LIGHT WERE NOT SIGHTED AGAIN."

2. Paraphrase is not required. Handle as ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ correspondence per paragraphs 51i and 60a, AR 380-5.

Charles C. Robinson

CHARLES C. ROBINSON
Captain, USAF

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WEATHER DETACHMENT 26-41
26th Weather Squadron
Hawkins Field
Jackson, Miss.

BHC/lkt

5 January 1949

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

1. In compliance with Group Letter 205-3, dated 22 September 1948, the following information is submitted.

a. (1) Object was sighted two (2) miles East of Jackson, Mississippi at 17000, 1 January 1949.

b. Weather at the time: See inclosure number one (1).

c. Names, occupations, and addresses:
Thomas A. Rush
Airport Manager, Dixie Airport
402 Mitchell Ave.
Jackson, Mississippi

Mrs. Thomas A. Rush
402 Mitchell Ave.
Jackson, Mississippi

Mrs. T. A. Doolittle
Housewife
3777 Kings Hiway
Jackson, Mississippi

d. Photographs of object: None

e. Sketches of objects: See inclosure number two (2).

f. Object sighted:

1. Number: One (1).

2. Shape: Cigar like. Not unlike sleeve target.

3. Size: Approximately 60 feet long and 10 feet diameter at the front tapering to the rear.

4. Color: Dark blue or black

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5. Speed: Approximately 200 MPH when first sighted, then accelerated to approximately 400 to 500 MPH.

6. Heading: West, turning to South to Southwest.

7. Maneuverability: Not noticed.

8. Altitude: 1500 to 1600 feet, then gradual climb.

9. Sound: Roar.

10. Exhaust trail: None.

g. General remarks: The persons who sighted the above described object were enroute from Gulfport, Miss. to Jackson, Miss. in a private aircraft and were making an approach for a landing at the Dixie Airport when the object was first sighted. After landing, Mr Rush called the control tower at Hawkins Field to find out if the objectehad landed there and if so to find out its identity. The control tower reported the incident to Base Headquarters.

2 Incl
1. Weather Report
2. Sketch of Object

BENJAMIN H. COLE
Captian USAF
Commanding

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cc Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

✓ cc Commanding General
Military Air Transport Service
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

2cc Commanding Officer
2059th Air Weather Wing
Tinker Air Force Base
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

cc Commanding Officer
2104th Air Weather Group
Robins Air Force Base
Robins Field, Georgia

cc Commanding Officer
26th Weather Squadron
Brookley Air Force Base
Mobile, Alabama

JACKSON WEATHER

1630C JACKSON WEATHER
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1730C JACKSON WEATHER
M160@ 15+ 169/52/29↑1/002/BINOVC

WINDS ALOFT

2000 FEET	200 DEGREES	10 KNOTS
4000 FEET	270 DEGREES	10 KNOTS
6000 FEET	270 DEGREES	15 KNOTS
8000 FEET	275 DEGREES	20 KNOTS
10000FEET	270 DEGREES	15 KNOTS
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16000FEET	270 DEGREES	20 KNOTS
20000FEET	275 DEGREES	55 KNOTS

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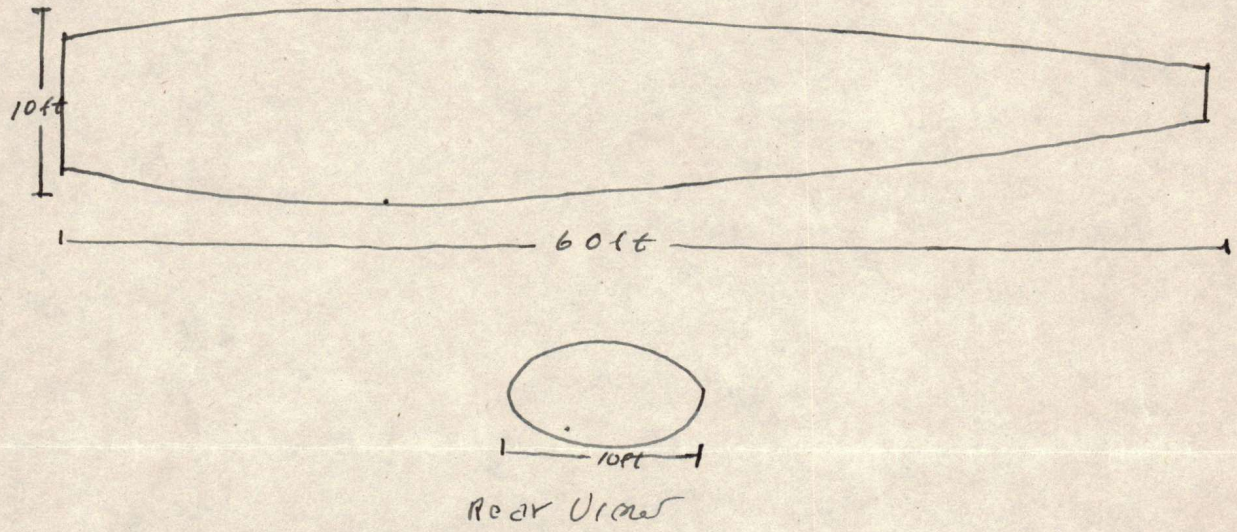

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~~SECRET~~ ~~Return to me - Capt H.~~

DETACHMENT, 1701ST AIR TRANSPORT WING
CONTINENTAL DIVISION, MATS
EDMONTON ALBERTA CANADA

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19 Nov 48

SUBJECT: Observation of an Object in the Atmosphere

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TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. The following report of an object observed by 1st Lt. James Toomey is submitted in compliance with Secret Letter dtd 20 Oct 48 from MATS Headquarters, subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs".

a. Location and time of sighting - 117° 30' W Longitude
56° 10' N Latitude
1418Z 17 November 1948

b. Weather at the time - Weather at the time was overcast with tops at approximately 4500' MSL with a high deck of thin broken stratus clouds at approximately 12,000 ft.

c. Names and occupations and addresses of witnesses - S/Sgt Onno C. Blink, AF 20715676, Radio Operator on the crew and stationed at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

d. Photographs of objects, if available. No photographs available.

e.

f. Object sighted:
(1) Number - One
(2) Shape - Egg shaped with a tail
(3) Size - Approximately 50' in height tapering to a point at the tail.
(4) Color - Bright flaming orange
(5) Speed - Unknown
(6) Heading - South West

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(Rev 23 Apr. 48)

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Olmsted Air Force Base
MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
Operating Location 33-8

PKB/ban
13 December 1948

MDT 000.9

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. In compliance with FS Regulation 200-4 dated 2 November 1948 and letter, Headquarters, USAF., Subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs,'", dated 6 February 1948 the following information is submitted:

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

1. Date of Sighting: 11 December 1948

2. Time of sighting: 2245E

3. Where sighted: See Paragrah 3b (2)

a. Ground

Not applicable

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight.

C-45F 150 9500 ft 125 Degrees

(2) Distance & Direction from City, town or known landmark:

40 miles northwest of Martinsburg, West Virginia

(3) Clock Position of object from observer's aircraft:

12 o'clock., approximately 20 miles in front of aircraft

(4) Latitude and longitude: Approximately 39°58'N 78°20'W

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c. Sea

Not applicable

4. Number of objects: One (1)

a. Formation type: No formation

5. Distance of object from observer: Twenty miles in front of aircraft.

a. Laterally or horizontally: Laterally

b. Angle of elevation from horizon: 5 degrees

c. Altitude: 10,000 - 11,000 feet

6. Time in sight: one (1) minute

7. Appearance of object:

a. Color: Red to Blue to Red

b. Shape: Resembled to parachute flare

c. Apparant construction: No opinion

d. Size: undetermined

8. Direction of flight: Appeared to be stationary

9. Tactics or maneuvers: None

10. Evidence of exhaust: None

a. Color of smoke: None

b. Length and width: None

c. Odor: Unknown

d. Rate of evaporation: Unknown

e. Does trail vary with sound: None

11. Effect on clouds: No clouds - unlimited ceiling

12. Lights: Object appeared as a brilliant flare in the sky.

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13. Support: Not visible

14. Propulsion: Object appeared to be stationary.

a. Propeller or jet: Unknown

b. Roter: Unknown

c. Aerodynamic vanes: Unknown

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings: None visible

15. Control and stability: Unknown

a. Fins: None visible

b. Stabilizers: Unknown

(1) Size: Unknown

(2) Shape: Unknown

(3) Location: Unknown

16. Air Ducts: Unknown

a. slots: Unknown

b. Duct openings: Unknown

17. Speed - MPH: Appeared to be stationary

18. Sound: Unknown

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed: None observed

20. Manner of disappearance: Similiar to a flare burning out

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments: Unknown

(2) Other Physical evidence: Unknown

b. Faded from view: Yes

c. Disappeared behind obstacle: No

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

1. Name of Observer: Capt O. M. Legg

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SUBJ: Unidentified Flying Objects., 13 December 1948

2. Headquarters, Air Rescue Service

3. Occupation: USAF

4. Place of Business: USAF

5. Hobbies: Not applicable

6. Ability to determine: Unknown

7. Reliability of observer: No opinion

8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general: None

b. How attention was drawn to objects: Directly in Flight Path

(1) Sound: Unknown

(2) Motion: Stationary

(3) Glint of light: Brilliant

9. Witnesses:

a. Capt R. H. Cassidy
Headquarters, Air Rescue Service
Washington 25, D. C.

b. S/Sgt T.P. Turner
Air Rescue Service
Fort Bragg, N. C.

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated: No opinion

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS

1. Re radars now operating on ground: No radar sighting

2. If airbourne, when object was sighted: Not applicable

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Clear sky - 7 miles visibility

2. Winds aloft report: Not given

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

6 February 1948

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO : Commanding General, Strategic Air Command
Commanding General, Air Defense Command
Commanding General, Tactical Air Command
Commanding General, Air Training Command
Commanding General, Air University
Commanding General, Alaskan Air Command
Commanding General, Air Transport Command
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command

Resanded per ltr 1Hq USAF dated 8 Jan 1955

1. Any information pertaining to the sighting of so-called flying discs, which is secured by or comes to the attention of Air Force installations within the United States and Alaska, will be forwarded direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: TSDIN.

2. Such reports will be sent direct, and not through ordinary channels, but copies of all such information may be supplied the Command Headquarters of the installation concerned.

3. In observing the above procedure for reporting information on flying disc sightings, every effort will be made to include the following items:

a. Location and time of sighting
b. Weather at the time
c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses
d. Photographs of objects, if available
e. Sketches of object's configuration
f. Object sighted:

(1) Number
(2) Shape
(3) Size
(4) Color
(5) Speed
(6) Heading
(7) Maneuverability
(8) Altitude
(9) Sound
(10) Exhaust trail or not

g. General Remarks

4. A copy of all reports or summaries of information sent to Air Materiel Command in accordance with the above provisions will be forwarded at the same time to this Headquarters, Attention: Director of Intelligence.

5. Headquarters, Air Materiel Command is authorized direct contact with installations of the addresses of this letter in connection with the development of information on flying discs.

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Ltr to CG, Major Commands, Subject: "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs", dtd 6 February 1948, cont'd

6. The Air Materiel Command will furnish this Headquarters with such reports as are called for by paragraph 4 of this Headquarters letter dated 30 December 1947, subject: "Flying Discs".

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

/s/ C. P. Cabell
C. P. CABELL
Brigadier General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects 2 January 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference letter, Headquarters USAF, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs.'" dated 6 February 1948 and Flight Service Regulation 200-4 dated 2 November, subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects," the following information is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: Two (2) miles east of Jackson, Mississippi at 1700C, 1 January 1949.

b. Weather at time: The 1630C weather sequence from Jackson, estimated 18,000 feet, broken clouds, visibility 15, temperature 53, dew point 35, surface wind south-southwest at 7 mph, altimeter setting 3003, remarks, estimated 35,000 feet thin broken.

The 1730C weather for Jackson was ceiling measured 16,000 feet, overcast, visibility fifteen(15) miles, temperature 52, dew point 29, wind south at one (1) mph, remarks, breaks in the overcast.

c. Names, Occupations and addresses of witnesses:

Mr. Tom Rush, 402 Mitchell Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi Employed by Dixie Air Service at Jackson, Mississippi as a pilot. He is an ex-AAF pilot. Telephone Jackson- Mississippi 5-1064.

Mrs. Willette Rush, 402 Mitchell Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, wife of the above, housewife and private pilot.

d. Photographs, if available: None available.

e. Sketches of objects configuration: To be forwarded.

f. Object Sighted, description:

(1) Number: One.

(2) Shape: Cigar-shaped, with short stubby wings, resembling a rocket, also reported later as resembling a sleeve tow-target.

(3) Size: Estimated sixty (60) feet long.

(4) Color: Dark Blue or black.

(5) Speed: Initially estimated as 200 mph, then increasing to 5-600 mph.

(6) Heading: West when first sighted, then southwest when last sighted.

(7) Maneuverability: Apparently very maneuverable.

(8) Altitude: 1500 feet.

(9) Sound: Similiar to a helicopter.

(10) Exhaust trail: None visible.

g. General remarks:

(1) When the object was first sighted and reported to Flight Service at Maxwell AF Base at 1735C by the Jackson Operations Office, an attempt was made to investigate the object by calling all military airfields in the area from which a jet or rocket flight may have originated, or at which the object may have been sighted.

(2) The following stations were contacted:

(a) Eglin AF Base, Florida

(b) Pensacola NAS and Chevalier Field NAS, Florida

(c) Whiting NAS, Florida

(d) New Orleans NAS, Louisana

(e) Memphis NAS, Tennessee

(f) New Orleans Air Route Traffic Control Center was also contacted.

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SUBJ: Unidentified Flying objects: 13 December 1948

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time: Unknown.

4. Possibility releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: Unknown.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil sampled within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils: Unknown.

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects, check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects: Unknown.

7. Obtain photographs: None

8. Not obtained.

9. Obtain fragements or physical evidence where possible: None

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JOSEPH L. MC NEIL
Lt. Col., USAF
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(3) No information was available at any of these stations.

2. The object was sighted by the witnesses from a Stinson civilian aircraft, and no photographs were taken because no camera was available. At the time of sighting, the Stinson was 3 or 4 miles east of Jackson, Mississippi on the east leg of the Jackson radio range at approximately 1200 feet altitude.

3. At 1840C on 1 January 1949, New Orleans Air Route Traffic Control Center reported to Maxwell Flight Service Center that the Associated Press had advised them that the above mentioned object had been sighted 40 miles south of Jackson, Mississippi. This second report was evidently the same as the above because the reporting pilot was the same, i.e., Mr. Tom Rush. Maxwell Flight Service contacted Mr. Rush, who is preparing sketches of the object he reported. He also advised that he saw the object only once.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD E. ETHERIDGE
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

Copies furnished:
Chief of Staff, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

Commander, Military Air Transport Service
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Division

Commanding Officer, Flight Service
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: A-2

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DETACHMENT NO. 1
16th Weather Sqdn.
Chanute Air Force Base
Chanute Field, Illinois.

5/E/a

9 December 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

1. In compliance with 2102D Air Weather Group TWX 464 dated 19 November 1948 and letter, Headquarters, United States Air Force, subject as above, 6 February 1948, the following report is submitted:

a. Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, 090048Z.
b. High scattered clouds, visibility ten miles.
c. Sgt. James E. Doty and Sgt. Eugene E. Montag, Weather Observers, Det 16/1L, 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute AFB, Illinois.
d. Photographs of objects - none available.
e. Sketches of objects - None available.
f. Object sighted:
(1) One
(2) Round
(3) Undetermined size
(4) Bright white color
(5) Two tenths of distant sky within two to three seconds.
(6) Heading from north east toward south south west.
(7) Undetermined maneuverability.
(8) Undetermined altitude.
(9) No sound
(10) Exhaust trail undetermined.

g. General remarks:

Object sighted to north east moving to south south west that resembled a skyrocket or meteor but was moving upward fifteen degrees. Object was described to be about thirty five degrees above the horizon and traversed across thirty five degrees of the horizon within three seconds and disappeared.

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2. Statements of observers are inclosed herewith.

Rush T. Kelley

2 Incls.
1. Stmt Sgt. J. E. Doty
2. Stmt Sgt. E. E. Montag

RUSH T. KELLEY
Captain, USAF
For CHARLES K. TAYLOR,
Major, USAF
Station Weather Officer

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STATEMENT

9 December 1948

I, James E. Doty, Sergeant, USAF, AF 17171864, Weather Observer, 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, do hereby make the following statement to Captain Rush T. Kelley, Assistant Base Weather Officer.

On 8 December 1948 at approximately 1846 hours, I was walking with Sgt. Eugene E. Montag towards the Base Weather Station when I happened to look up at the sky and notice what appeared to be either a sky rocket or meteor. I tapped Sgt. Montag on the arm and called his attention to it.

The object did not appear to be a star because it was three or four times as large as a star and it seemed to be closer to us than a star would be. It was heading from the north east toward the south south west and was moving upwards at about 15 or 20 degree angle. As it moved it seemed to get larger, and it was leaving a trail. In about two or three seconds it disappeared. The object was round, white and moved very fast.

We went into the Weather Station and reported this to the Duty Forecaster whose name is M Sgt. Robert W. Fillman.

James E. Doty

JAMES E. DOTY
Sergeant, USAF
AF 17171864

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STATEMENT

9 December 1948

I, Eugene E. Montag, AF 16206705, Sergeant, USAF, am a Weather Observer assigned to the 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, and do hereby make the following statement to Capt. Rush T. Kelley, Assistant Base Weather Officer, Chanute AFB:

On 8 December 1948 at approximately 1846 hours, I was walking with Sgt. James E. Doty, also of the 16th Weather Squadron, towards the Base Weather Station when I noticed what appeared to be a sky rocket or meteor. This object was heading upwards about a 15 degree angle, moving from the north east to the south south west. The object was white in color, very bright and moved about two to three tenths of the sky and then disappeared.

This object did not appear to me to be a falling star.

I immediately went to the Duty Forecaster at the Base Weather Station and reported seeing this.

Eugene E. Montag

EUGENE E. MONTAG
AF 16206705
Sergeant, USAF

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SUBJ: Observation of an Object in the Atmosphere

(7) Maneuverability - Appeared to be in a shallow dive.
(8) Altitude - Approximately 18,000 feet.
(9) Sound - None
(10) Exhaust trail or not - Yes

g. Remarks: Object was sighted on the first leg of a flight from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Kittigazuit, N. W. T. Canada while flying at 7,000 ft. MSL on top of an overcast. The object was momentarily sighted above a deck of broken status clouds. It seemed to be a bright flaming orange object and illuminated the sky momentarily behind it.

George F. Brenner
GEORGE F. BRENNER,
Capt. USAF
Commanding

Dist:

Hdqs.MATS Attn: Dir.of Intelligence
Cmdr.MATS Attn: Chief, Intelligence Division

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

26 OCT 1948

TO: Commanding General
Airways and Air Communication Service
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AC/S, Intelligence and Security

1. The following TWX received from Headquarters, USAF is quoted for your information and necessary action:

"REFER TO THIS HQS LETTER OF SIX FEB ONE NINE FOUR EIGHT CMA SUBJ SMCLN REPORTING INFORMATION ON FLYING DISCS PD RESEARCH REVEALS GROUPS OF SIGHTINGS OCCUR AT PERIODIC INTERVALS WITH BEGINNING OF NEW INTERVAL IMMINENT PD REQUEST ALL UNITS OF YOUR COMMAND BE PARTICULARLY ALERTED TO REPORT SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS DIRECT TO MCIAXO DASH THREE CMA AMC CMA FASTEST PD WHERE POSSIBLE INITIATE INVESTIGATIVE ACTION WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE"

2. Paraphrase of the above message is not required when handled as secret correspondence.

3. The above referenced USAF letter of 6 February 1948 in quoted TWX is further modified to include reporting of all sightings of flying discs whether they occur within or outside the United States and Alaska.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KUTER:

JAMES F. RHODES
Major, USAF
Asst Adjutant General

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